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**Report 99.43**

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**Report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 9 February 1999 at 9.30am**

**Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.**

*Matters for Information of Council are in italic type*

**Present**

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Laidlaw, Long, Macaskill, McQueen, Shaw and Thomas

**Officers Present**

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Ms Blakely, Messrs Cameron, Dick, Ms Edwards, Messrs Paul, Tryon and van Dyk

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

LC16 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the apologies from Councillor Shields and Mr Ross be confirmed.*

## LC17 **Public Participation**

### **Paul Hughes, Wellington Resident**

Mr Hughes addressed the Committee on three issues; Future Directions for Regional Parks (LC 99.1 8), Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Catchment security and ranging (LC 99.13), and the Council's forest exit strategy.

As a long-time advocate for regional parks, Mr Hughes welcomed the strategic initiative, but recommended wider consultation, eg territorial authorities and community groups to encourage greater "buy-in" to the parks. With respect to the "governance continuum", Mr Hughes sought a resolution of land ownership issues. He asked the Committee to look closely at calls for new regional parks, such as Whitireia Park, and to champion initiatives like the Coastal Trail; but he recognised the current resource limitations. He saw unnecessary impediments in the Local Government Act provisions for regional parks.

Mr Hughes supported a ranger in the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Catchment. He objected to Council staff being allowed to hunt in the area and argued for greater public access; with appropriate checks and balances.

Mr Hughes had experienced the Crown forestry exit process. He tabled and spoke to a paper outlining his view of the principles of a forest exit strategy that should be adopted by Council, including which areas should not be exited and what covenants should be placed on any forests.

## LC18 **Confirmation of Minutes**

### **Matters Arising**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Bonner/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Minutes of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 11 November 1998 be confirmed.*

## **Matters for Decision**

### LC19 **Possum Control Operation : Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Water Collection Areas**

**Report 99.12**

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Murray Kennedy, Utility Services Strategy and Asset Manager, was present.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr McQueen)*

- (1) That the Report be received and its contents noted*
- (2) That the Committee approve the communication and planning processes for a possum control operation in the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo catchments.*
- (3) To note that the operation will remain subject to final endorsement by the Council once the communications programme is complete and the resource consent and Medical Officer of Health approval are obtained.*

Morning tea: 10.30am

Resumption: 10.45am

**LC20 Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Catchment Security Ranging**

**Report 98.13**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr McQueen)*

*That the Committee.*

- (1) Receive the update on the Landcare Division's involvement in ranging services and catchment management in the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area.*
- (2) Endorse including a recommendation in the Six-Month Financial Review that the Council fund the public good component of the ranging services and catchment security.*

**LC21 October 1998 Flood Damage Repair : Project Plan**

**Report 98.10**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Bonner/Cr Thomas)*

*That the Committee.*

- (1) Receive this report and note its contents.*
- (2) Approve the October 1998 Flood Damage Repair Project Plan.*

## Matters for Information

### LC22 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Elbow Park Bank Protection Works : Project Completion Report**

**Report 99.11**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Shaw)*

*That the Committee receive this report and note its contents.*

### LC23 **Future Direction for Regional Parks**

**Report 99.18**

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Councillors expressed appreciation for the quality and content of the report, particularly as a useful “snapshot” for the upcoming LTFS process. There followed a wide-ranging discussion on future options for regional parks. The value of community consultation and effective public relations was also noted.

Cr Shaw called for a report identifying opportunities for dealing with governance overlaps for the existing parks such as liaising with the Department of Conservation and territorial authorities. He also sought a set of clear principles to signal the Council’s purpose and intentions over the next 40 or so years.

Cr Werry requested a workshop prior to the LTFS review to discuss the issues further.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill)*

*That the Committee receive this report and note its contents.*

### LC24 **Possum Population Monitoring : Council Lands**

**Report 99.14**

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Andrew Annakin identified the key link between operational pest control and empirical studies to gauge effectiveness over time.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Bonner /Cr Thomas)*

- (1) *That the Committee receive this report and note its contents.*
- (2) *That the Committee note the success of aerielly-applied 1080 cereal bait in effectively dealing with the possum pest problem on WRC forest lands.*

LC25 **Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 99.24**

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Cr Laidlaw left the meeting at 12.17pm.

Cr Bonner congratulated Jane Bradbury, Divisional Manager, Environment, for organising a barbecue at Queen Elizabeth Park for regular dog walkers from the Paekakariki and Raumati communities.

Mr Annakin noted that the October 1998 flood damage costs for Regional Parks, outlined in the departmental report, will be reported through the Six Month Review.

Cr Macaskill expressed appreciation for the level of information provided in the Departmental reports.

*Resolved* (Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill)

*That the Committee receive the Divisional and Departmental reports and note their contents.*

LC26 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee: Report of Meeting – 21 December 1998**

**Report 98.618**

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*Resolved*

(Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill)

*That the Committee receive this report and note its contents.*

LC27 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee: Chairperson**

**Report 99.35**

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*Resolved*

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

*That the Committee receive this report and note its contents.*

LC28 **Appointment of Kapiti Representative to the Landcare Committee**

**Report 99.34**

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Cr Bonner asked that information on the candidates be circulated.

*Resolved*

(Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill)

*That the Committee receive this report and note its contents.*

LC29 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC30 **General**

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.27pm.

R Werry  
Chairperson

Date

**Wellington Regional Council – 4 March 1999**

*To be moved:*

**That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 9 February 1999, Items LC16 to LC30 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.**