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Report to the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee  
from Daya Atapattu, Project Leader, Flood Protection Group

**Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) : Project Leader's Report**

**1. Purpose**

To update the Advisory Committee on the status of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) investigations and implementation.

**2. Background**

At the last meeting of the Advisory Committee, on 12 July 2001, the Committee:

- endorsed the Draft Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan and recommended the Plan for adoption by the Regional Council, Hutt City Council and the Upper Hutt City Council.
- considered the future role of the Advisory Committee and recommended a revised terms of reference.

At this meeting the Advisory Committee will;

- be updated on the process for completing the final Plan.
- consider options for upgrading the Ava to Ewen reach of the Hutt River.

**3. HRFMP Adoption Process**

Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council endorsed the draft Plan on 10 July 2001 and 8 August 2001 respectively. On 26 July 2001, the Landcare Committee endorsed and recommended the draft Plan for the Regional Council to adopt.

The Regional Council adopted the draft Plan on 23 August 2001.

#### 4. **HRFMP Publishing Process**

The Plan publishing process is on track for printing by the end of September. A typesetter was appointed on 6 August 2001. Councillor Stuart Macaskill and Councillor Joy Baird have reviewed a mock-up prepared by the typesetter.

Plan editing is substantially complete while photos and watermarks for the document are being selected. We aim to produce the final document for Councillors Macaskill and Baird according to the dates below:

- Final typesetting proof – 7 September.
- Printing proof – 24 September.

#### 5. **HRFMP Launch**

The launch will be at 6.30pm on 9 October 2001, at the Manor Park Golf Club. The launch will provide opportunities to publicise:

- the Plan.
- the role of the three councils, iwi and the community who have worked closely together preparing the Plan and will continue to work together to implement it.

Children between the ages of 10 and 14 have been invited to write a poem about the Hutt River and its environment. The competition details were sent to Hutt Valley schools and were also in the latest issue of "Elements". If the budding poets agree, the poems could be used to support the launch.

#### 6. **HRFMP Implementation**

Investigations for implementing the Ava to Ewen reach upgrade works were started in the 2000/01 financial year. Construction is to commence in 2002/03. The investigations have now reached a stage where key decisions need to be made before applying for resource consents and commencing final designs. Report 01.614 on this order paper contains the investigation outcomes, the feasible upgrade options and our recommendations.

Following this meeting the Landcare Committee will consider these options on 6 September. The final design and the resource consent applications will follow these meetings.

#### 7. **Communication**

The completion of the HRFMP process will be reported back to the community through the "*Living with the River*" Newsletter No. 7, which was published at the end of August 2001. This newsletter will also describe what is in the Plan. The HRFMP launch will be supported by a press release with interview opportunities.

Ava to Ewen reach project information sheets will continue to report project progress and other details to the local residents of Alicetown and Woburn.

## 8. Recommendation

*That the report be received the contents noted.*

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