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Report to Environment Committee
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Regional Council Input to District Planning

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Regional Council input to the statutory resource management processes of territorial authorities in the western part of the Region.

2. Overview

2.1 Resource Consents

Two notified resource consent applications have been received since the last report to the Committee.

No submissions have been made since the last Committee meeting.

The following is an update of progress with submissions made on earlier consent applications.

Bellevue Subdivision, Newlands, Wellington City

The Regional Council had made a submission on this subdivision and earthworks consent application about the need for appropriate sediment and erosion control measures on this site. The Hearing was held on 22 February and Wellington City Council officers recommended that the applications be declined. Regional Council staff attended the hearing and gave evidence in support of our submission in case the hearing committee should decide to grant the consents. The hearing was adjourned while more information is sought about the proposal and will be reconvened on 19 March.

Fort Dorset Subdivision, Seatoun, Wellington City

The Regional Council had made a submission on this subdivision and earthworks consent application supporting the remediation work planned for the landfill site as this included improving the capping on the landfill. Conditions were requested concerning dust control during earthworks as proposed by the applicant and validation testing of the site prior to subdivision. The hearing was held on 21 February and the Wellington City Council planning officer recommended that the applications be declined. The hearing was adjourned while more information is sought about the proposal and will be reconvened on 11 March.

Pak 'N' Save, Lower Hutt

The Regional Council made a submission on this application for a supermarket in Lower Hutt in relation to minor transportation matters. The application has been granted with the applicant being required to pay towards upgrading a major intersection and some traffic calming measures offsite.

2.2 District Plans

Upper Hutt City Council

Upper Hutt District Council has released its decisions on the Proposed Upper Hutt District Plan. The District Council had publicly notified the Proposed Plan in August 1998 and the Regional Council had made a 47 page submission on the Proposed Plan and subsequently a further submission. These submissions are currently being checked through and compared to the decisions made. It is possible that some of the Upper Hutt decisions may be referred to the Environment Court.

Wellington City Council

Wellington City Council has notified three Plan Changes to the District Plan. The Plan Changes relate to an addition to the Heritage Schedule, amendment of the Airport noise boundary and amendment to the Victoria University Institutional Precinct. The need for submission to be made on the Plan Change is currently being considered.

2.3 Road designations

Transit New Zealand has released its decision on the designation for the **Dowse to Petone upgrade of SH 2**. After meeting with representatives from Transit NZ, Regional Council decided not to appeal this decision. The decision has been appealed by at least 6 parties.

3. Communication

The matters referred to in this report are part of an on-going statutory process, and these processes are the appropriate way of communicating the relevant information.

4. **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee:

(1) *receives the report; and*

(2) *notes the contents.*

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