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Report to Environment Committee from
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Regional Council Input to District Planning

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Greater Wellington – The 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

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

No submissions have been made.

2.2 District Plans

2.2.1 *Proposed Plan Change 12 to the Wellington District Plan*

Wellington City Council notified Proposed Plan Change 12 on 3 October 2002. This proposed Plan Change rezones 101 Hill Street, Thorndon from Open Space B to Central Area. A submission is not considered necessary on this proposed Plan Change.

2.2.2 *Proposed Plan Change 13 to the Wellington District Plan*

Wellington City Council notified Proposed Plan Change 13 on 3 October 2002. This proposed Plan Change amends the Heritage listing of the Futuna Chapel in Karori to provide for listing the whole interior and all moveable fittings and furniture and an area

of land around the Chapel. A submission is not considered necessary on this proposed Plan Change.

2.2.3 *Variation 2 to the Upper Hutt Proposed District Plan*

Upper Hutt City have notified Variation 2 to the Proposed Upper Hutt District plan. This variation changes rules relating to tree protection in the Residential Conservation and Residential Hill zones. The changes provides more protection to both indigenous and exotic trees in these zones. A submission is not considered necessary on this proposed Plan Change.

2.2.4 *Reserves Acquisition Policy Discussion Paper (KCDC)*

Kapiti Coast District Council released a discussion paper on the way it requires reserves contributions from land developers. The proposed changes will enable the District Council to acquire land for local purposes reserves where it is suitable and needed in the community but otherwise it has the choice to take money in lieu of land. This additional money would be set aside and used to fund purchase of more “strategic reserves”. Strategic reserves are areas of ecological, historical or cultural importance. They also include land that is essential for improving public access ways and cycle ways around the district. Comments generally in support of the discussion paper were made.

2.3 **Designations**

2.3.1 *Transmission Gully Motorway, State Highway 1*

The Transmission Gully appeal by the Paramata Residents Association has been settled. The Residents Association appealed conditions that would have delayed construction of the motorway while ecological and landscape areas were planted and matured. Greater Wellington was an interested party in the proceedings to ensure that these ecological areas will be managed appropriately and will be mature enough to offer some protection to waterbodies.

2.3.2 *MacKays Crossing Overbridge, State Highway 1*

Environment Court mediation was held on Tuesday 22 October between Transit New Zealand and Chris Glover, an appellant on the MacKays Crossing project. Staff from Greater Wellington attended as an interested party to the appeal as the appellant wished to see the old designation that crossed through the Queen Elizabeth Park wetlands used. The mediation was successful with Mr Glover agreeing to withdraw his appeal.

2.3.3 *Otaki to Pekapeka Road Improvements, State Highway 1*

Transit New Zealand has provided Greater Wellington with information about the preferred new route between Otaki and Pekapeka Road. This is a precursor to consultation with Greater Wellington as a key stakeholder.

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. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Environment Committee:

- (1) ***receive the report; and***
- (2) ***note the contents.***

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