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## Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee - Meeting Update

### 1. Purpose

To provide a summary of the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 July 2008.

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Background

The Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee (WHCAC) met on 7 July 2008 to consider matters relating to hill country erosion, submissions on the Regional Pest Management Strategy, results from 'Maintaining the Gains' survey and changes to the Wildlife Act.

Minutes from the meeting are attached.

### 4. Comment

Key outcomes from the meeting were:

- A desire to ensure that the Wellington Regional Erosion Control Initiative gained funding through the LTCCP process, and that a second application to the MAF Hill Country Erosion Fund also be considered during the forthcoming LTCCP process. It was important that if further government money became available that Council was in a position to take maximum advantage.
- The Committee supports the development of a Maintaining the Gains vector control programme with landowners.

- Discussion on the concept of Total Catchment Management and opportunities for WHCAC members to engage with Councillors, possibly in a workshop environment. Members were keen to hear about possible pilot programmes to be run in the Wairarapa.
- Discussion on ways to capture rural community input in the LTCCP process, in order to gain engagement and feedback.

## 5. Communication

Several communication initiatives were proposed including press releases to cover the high level of interest in pole planting work and developments relating to the Wellington Regional Erosion Control Initiative. An approach to Country Calendar on the possibility of a programme covering 50 years of land management initiatives in the region is being considered.

## 6. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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