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## Water Supply and Parks' Annual Reports

### 1. Purpose

To obtain Council's approval to publish the Water Supply and Parks' Annual Reports for 2009-10.

### 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 Annual Reports of Greater Wellington (GW) Water Supply and Parks Departments capture the achievements and challenges for the wholesale water supply and regional parks and native forests operations for the year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010. They are supplementary to the GW Annual Report and provide our customers, ratepayers, residents and other interested parties with more detailed accounts of the work conducted throughout the year.

The GW Water Supply report includes the 2009/10 detailed report of financial performance, together with water supply performance information. GW's auditors have reviewed and approved the financial statements.

The draft reports for GW Water Supply and GW Parks are attachments 1 and 2 respectively. The printed versions will be in colour. The text is subject to minor changes to be approved by the Chair of the Regional Sustainability Committee.

### 4. Comment

A highlight for the Parks year was undoubtedly the purchase of the Baring Head block, that will be managed as part of East Harbour Regional Park.

Overall, the number of visits to regional parks was lower than the previous year. However, the proportion of residents who have visited at least one park in the previous 12 months was 53%, essentially the same as 2008-09.

We believe poor summer weather contributed not only to the lower number of park visits, but also lower water consumption throughout the year. The 10-year trend is for steadily declining per capita levels of water use in the four cities of the region. In addition, the total volume supplied to our customers was the lowest in the last 10 years.

## 5. **Communication**

These reports will be posted to our customers and other relevant stakeholders identified in our database, and a copy will be made available on our website.

Media releases will be issued to highlight key achievements and to indicate that the reports are available on GW's website.

## 6. **Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

1. ***Receives** the report.*
2. ***Notes** the content of the report.*
3. ***Approves** the publication of the Greater Wellington Water Supply and Parks Annual Reports for 2009-10.*

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**Attachment 1:** Water Supply Annual Report

**Attachment 2:** Parks Annual Report