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Committee Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resource Management
Committee
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Report on the Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resource Management Committee meeting 29 November 2011

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resource Management Committee that took place on 29 November 2011.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Report

3.1 Quarterly Review

Greater Wellington participated in court assisted mediation regarding the Regional Policy Statement with the outstanding areas of biodiversity, hazards and landscape expected to be resolved in either March or April 2012. Only one change occurred in Upper Hutt with the filing of a section 274 notice by an interested party.

Officers updated the Committee on the progress of the various enforcement court cases that Greater Wellington is currently involved in. The Committee noted that one of the resolved prosecutions resulted in the most significant fine handed down by the Court in a case taken by Greater Wellington.

3.2 Plan Change 4 to the Regional Freshwater Plan and Plan Change 2 to the Regional Plan for Discharges to Land

Plan Change 4 to the Regional Freshwater Plan and Plan Change 2 to the Regional Plan for Discharges to Land will amend the regional plans to give effect to policies A4 and B7 of the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management (the NPS). The regional plan is required to give effect to the NPS and the changes made reinforce the current approach of officers to consent applications.

3.3 Transmission Gully plan change

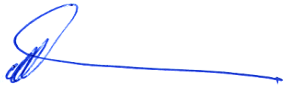
The decision made by the Board of Inquiry in October regarding the Transmission Gully plan has been appealed to the High Court. The appeal asks that the decision by the Board be reconsidered. The hearing is scheduled for 7 December and if upheld then the formal plan change process will need to be followed.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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