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Report to the Environment Committee
from Richard Peterson, Policy Advisor (Statutory)

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

Seven notified resource consents were received during the period since the last report (written on 9 March). These generally relate to minor urban amenity issues and are unlikely to require submissions from the Regional Council.

The report to the last Committee noted that Porirua City Council had released its decision on stage two of the Megacentre retail proposal. This decision has subsequently been appealed by Plaza Porirua Ltd and the Regional Council has notified the Environment Court that it wishes to remain a party to any further proceedings.

Upper Hutt City Council is still waiting for further information on the Promall development. This is expected within the next three weeks. Once this has been received the application will be notified.

2.2 District Plans

2.2.1 *Upper Hutt City Council*

Further submissions have closed on the Upper Hutt City District Plan. The Regional Council made several submissions relating to the need for management of the environmental effects of utilities, indigenous vegetation protection, subdivision, flood protection and iwi issues.

2.3 Designations

Transit has begun two strategy studies in preparation for road upgrades on State Highway 1. If they proceed, the upgrades will cover the stretches from Pukerua Bay to MacKays Crossing, and Waikanae to Himatangi (Manawatu-Wanganui). While the Pukerua Bay to MacKays crossing upgrade is proposed for safety reasons, the Waikanae to Himatangi proposal anticipates a scenario some 30-40 years in the future in which all bottlenecks from Wellington to Waikanae have been removed.

3. Recommendation

That the report be received and the information noted.

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