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**Report of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management  
Advisory Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional  
Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Wednesday,  
26 May 1999, at 4.30pm**

**Present**

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Thomas and Werry (Wellington Regional Council)

Mayor Terris, Councillor Baird and Councillor Cousins (Hutt City Council)

Mrs L Mellish (Wellington Tenth Trust)

Mr T Puketapu (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui)

**Officers Present**

Messrs Annakin, Atapattu, Darroch, Dick, Paul and Wilshere (Wellington Regional Council)

Mr Garlick (Hutt City Council)

Mr Wallach (Upper Hutt City Council)

## **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

#### **HRF35 Apologies**

Councillor Macaskill said that Mayor Kirton and Councillor Guppy were absent on other business and Councillor Harris was indisposed.

*Resolved* (Cr Macaskill/Mayor Terris)

*That the apologies from Mayor Kirton, Councillor Guppy and Councillor Harris, be confirmed.*

Councillor Macaskill said it was important the Upper Hutt City Council's view was heard and invited Mr Wallach to sit at the table and participate fully in the deliberations of the meeting.

#### **HRF36 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

#### **HRF37 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr Macaskill/Mayor Terris)

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 1999 be confirmed.*

## **Matters for Consideration**

#### **HRF38 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Project Leader's Report**

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#### **Presentations**

Following presentations from Messrs Atapattu, Paul and Dick, Mayor Terris said the professional care being shown and the amount of progress on important issues was commendable. Mayor Terris said he was especially impressed by the progress at Nash Street and the other flood damage repairs under construction.

### **Design Standards Workshop**

Mayor Terris asked whether officers could meet before the Advisory Committee workshop to discuss the major agenda items for discussion. Mr Annakin said the Technical Liaison Group would meet the day before the workshop to enable briefing for members before the workshop day.

*Resolved* (Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

### **HRF39 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Stopbank Upgrade Measures**

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Following Mr Abernethy's presentation, Councillor Thomas enquired as to the source of water in the Assembly of God basement after flood events. She asked if the water could be tested to ascertain its source.

Members also queried the "30% Rough Order Costs". More detail requested at the workshop.

*Resolved* (Cr Macaskill/Mayor Terris)

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

### **HRF40 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Confirmation of Objectives**

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*Resolved*

(Mr Puketapu/Cr Baird)

- (1) *That the objectives for the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan be recommended to the Landcare Committee for adoption.*
- (2) *That the relevance of the objectives of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan be reviewed prior to the drafting of the Plan.*

## HRF41 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Confirmation of Broad Options**

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### **Community Awareness and Preparation**

Councillor Baird said community awareness did not necessarily correspond with the understanding of technical officers and asked what could be done to improve the public understanding of the risks posed by the Hutt River. Mr Wilshere said the next community newsletter would address: gravel extraction, safety issues, the “Design Standard” concepts and the non-structural measures. The next Advisory Committee on 28 June 1998 will consider the feedback from the community. The July newsletter would include detailed information about design standards.

Councillor Cousins asked the Regional Council watch for Annual Plan submissions on the Hutt River project.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Baird)*

*That the broad options for managing the Hutt River be recommended to the Landcare Committee for Adoption.*

## HRF42 **Questions**

### **Non-Structural Options**

Mr Wallach asked there be an opportunity at the Workshop to discuss non-structural measures to minimise the impact of flooding.

### **Public Consultation**

Mr Wallach asked when and how the community would be consulted about the design standards for the Floodplain Management Plan. Mr Paul said with the acceleration of the design standards programme it had not been possible to implement a concurrent public consultation process. Managing the residual risk was the key.

Following the workshop and the consequent meetings of the Advisory and Landcare Committees a consultation programme will be undertaken with the public. Mr Paul said the design standards must be acceptable and affordable and progress cannot be made without public and Territorial Authority support.

Councillor Macaskill said the workshop could be briefed on the issues and outcomes of the Waikanae and Otaki Floodplain Management Plans including the agreed design standards. Practical examples from that exercise could be a good basis for discussion.

HRF43 **General**

**Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee Workshop**

Councillor Macaskill said the workshop would be held on Wednesday 16 June 1999. Mayor Terris and Councillor Cousins said they both had commitments on that day. Mr Annakin said officers would be in contact to find the best solution.

**Next Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee Meeting**

Members noted the next meeting of the Committee on 28 June 1999 at 4.30pm would consider the conclusions arising from the workshop.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairperson

Date