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Report to the Regional Land Transport Strategy Hearings Sub-Committee
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Process for Consideration of Submissions

1. Purpose

To propose a process for handling submissions to the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy and any consequential actions that might be required.

2. Background

The Regional Land Transport Committee at its 20 May 1999 meeting resolved:

That a Hearings Sub-committee be established to hear submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.

That the Hearings Sub-committee consist of:

- *The Chairperson of the Committee*
- *Two other Regional Councillors*
- *A representative of Territorial Local Authorities*
- *A representative of Transport Agencies*
- *A representative of Transport Users*

And that other Committee members (but not deputies) be entitled to participate as members of the Sub-committee."

These other participants, of course can speak, move motions and vote as required.

At the 29 June 1999 Regional Council meeting it was resolved:

That the members of the Hearings Sub-committee be the following people:

- *Councillor McDavitt - Chair of the Regional Land Transport Committee*
- *Councillor Turver - Regional Councillor*
- *Councillor McQueen - Regional Councillor*
- *Mayor Read - Representative of Territorial Local Authorities*
- *Mr Rendall - Representative of Transport Agencies*

- *Mr Royds* - *Representative of Transport Users*

In keeping with the quorum of the Regional Land Transport Committee (3 of the Regional Council members of the full Regional Land Transport Committee) a quorum for the Hearings Sub-committee should be 3 drawn from the members mentioned above.

The Regional Land Transport Strategy is prepared under the Land Transport Act 1998. That Act states”

Duty to consult in respect of regional land transport strategy - (1) Before finalising a regional land transport strategy, the relevant regional council shall consult each of the following:

- (a) The Authority: (Land Transport Safety Authority)
- (b) The Board: (Transfund)
- (c) Transit New Zealand:
- (d) The Commissioner: (Police)
- (e) The territorial authorities in the region (if any):
- (f) The adjoining regional councils and territorial authorities:
- (g) Commercial road users:
- (h) Private road users:
- (i) Railway operators
- (j) Public transport users:
- (k) The public in the region or district:
- (l) Representatives of cycle users and pedestrians”

The Regional Land Transport Committee has undertaken two phases of consultation. It has consulted, primarily with the major stakeholders, on the preferred direction for the Regional Land Transport Strategy through a series of meetings held with those stakeholders. Then a draft Regional Land Transport Strategy was produced, building on the feedback from Stakeholders, which has been circulated widely with a request for written submissions. Several public notices were placed in newspapers seeking submissions.

The intention is to consider each submission and to incorporate in the final Regional Land Transport Strategy any amendments proposed which are endorsed during the hearings process.

The consultative approach taken to date by the Committee clearly satisfies the requirements of the Act.

3. **This Meeting**

3.1 **Submissions Received**

A separate volume containing all submissions received has been circulated to Committee members.

3.2 **Oral Submissions**

The primary purpose of this meeting is to ‘hear’ people who wish to make an oral submission in support of their written submission. It is proposed that each person or group be given the opportunity to speak to their written response (but not to read it in full).

It is the time for Committee members to listen but there will be an opportunity for members questions, particularly with the aim of clarifying points raised in the submissions.

3.3 **Written Submissions**

The meeting should consider all written submissions in turn regardless of whether or not an oral presentation has been made.

3.4 **Amendments to the Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy**

During consideration of the submissions the hearings sub-committee may endorse amendments to the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy. A record of any such amendments will be taken for use in the next stage.

4. **The Next Stage**

The next stage is to adopt for recommendation to the Regional Council a Regional Land Transport Strategy. First it may be necessary to make some changes to the draft strategy document to reflect the views of the Sub-Committee with respect to submissions. A report on the consultation process and an amended Regional Land Transport Strategy will go to a special meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee.

5. **Recommendation**

- (1) *That the sub-committee:*
 - (a) *Receives the report*
 - (b) *Hears the oral submissions*
- (2) *That, having heard oral submissions the sub-committee considers all written submissions.*
- (3) *That formal responses be sent to persons and organisations making submissions as directed by the sub-committee.*

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