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Report to Utility Services Committee
from Murray Kennedy, Strategy and Asset Manager

Water Group Business Report

1. Purpose

To obtain the Committee's endorsement of The Water Group's Business Report so it can be forwarded to Council for approval.

2. Introduction

The Council publishes an Annual Report to inform the ratepayers and the public of the diverse range of activities carried out during the year. For the last two years The Water Group has produced an Annual Business Report to supplement the Council's Annual Report.

3. 1999/2000 Water Group Business Report

The Water Group's Business Report for the 1999/2000 year will be forwarded as a separate document for your consideration. It follows the format of the previous reports, though the theme has been changed. In the first two years the reports had an infrastructure theme. This year the focus is more on the end use of water and the benefits it brings.

The text is complete but the financial information is in the final stages of audit. We do not expect any significant changes to the financial information presented.

Publication is scheduled for late November. This follows the adoption of the Council's Annual Report at a Council meeting later this month.

4. Environmental

The Water Group's Annual Business Report includes an environment section. This is a requirement of our ISO 14001 accreditation.

5. **Communications**

There are no immediate communication issues.

6. **Recommendations**

That the Council adopts the Report of Business Activity for The Water Group for the year ended June 2000, subject to final audit approval and any minor editorial amendments.

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