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Report to Environment Committee from
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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

Two notified resource consent applications have been received since the last report to the Committee. Neither required a submission to be made.

The following is an update of progress with submissions made on earlier consent applications.

J Barrett & A Clark , Kapiti Coast District Council

The Regional Council had made a submission on this application for guest accommodation on Kapiti Island. The submission related to how the activity would meet policies in the Regional Policy Statement and concerns about the proposed wastewater treatment system. The Officer's Report from Kapiti Coast District Council has recommended granting the application with strict conditions. Staff attended the Hearing on 8 July and presented evidence to the Hearing Committee.

2.2 District Plans

Wellington City Council notified proposed Plan Change 8 on 25 May. It concerned proposed changes to the residential rules and associated definitions in the Wellington District Plan. No submission was made on this proposed plan change.

A copy of Draft Proposed Plan Change 11 has been provided to the Regional Council for comment. Proposed Plan Change 11 relates to changes to the controlled and discretionary activity rules in the Wellington City District Plan. The proposed changes are of a technical nature and do not affect any policy aspect of the plan.

Staff have met with **Upper Hutt City Council** Officers to discuss the reference Regional Council made on the Upper Hutt District Plan. Progress is being made to resolve the appeal.

A copy of a proposed private plan change to the **Kapiti Coast District Plan** has been provided to the Regional Council for comment. The proposed private plan change is from Pritchard Group Limited and regards land adjacent to the Lindale Farm Park which the applicant wishes to have rezoned from rural to residential. Comments have been made regarding the proximity to the proposed Lindale Railway Station and possible pedestrian linkages and the need to consider whether reticulated water supply will be available for the development.

2.3 **Designations**

A Memorandum of Understanding between Transit New Zealand, Wellington Regional Council, Department of Conservation and Kapiti Coast District Council has been signed regarding the wetland enhancement and landscaping that Transit will undertake as mitigation for the McKays Crossing overbridge and road upgrade.

The McKays designation has been appealed by two parties who both regard the existing designation as preferable to the one proposed. The existing designation has a greater impact on Queen Elizabeth Park, in particular the wetlands. Therefore the Council is registered as an interested party to the proceedings.

3. **Communication**

The matters referred to in this report are part of an on-going statutory process, and these processes are the appropriate way of communicating the relevant information.

4. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (1) *receives the report; and*
- (2) *notes the contents.*

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