



**greater WELLINGTON**  
THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 03.435**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 24 July 2003 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt and Turver

**Also Present**

Councillor Long

**Officers Present**

Messrs Darroch, Paula Hammond, Pryce, Sherriff, Nicola Shorten, Skene, van Schalkwyk, Waddy and Dr Bradbury

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

E 206      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)*

*That the apologies from Councillor Shields and Councillor Yardley and Mr Chapman and Mr Evans be confirmed.*

E 207      **Public Participation**

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

E 208      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2003, Report 03.406, be confirmed.*

## **Harbour Matters**

### **Matter for Information**

E 209      **Future Involvement of Regional Councils in Harbour Management**

**Report 03.417**

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*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- 1. That the report be received and contents be noted.*
- 2. That a working group be established which will include Councillor Buchanan, Councillor Turner, Dr Bradbury and Captain Pryce with the purpose of meeting Mr Kilvington, MSA, to discuss the future involvement of Regional Councils in Harbour Management. The Group is to report back to the Environment Committee.*

## **Civil Defence Matters**

There are no Civil Defence Matters

## Environmental Matters

### Matters for Decision

#### E 210 Recreational Water Quality Report 2002/03

**Report 03.386**

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Councillor Buchanan and Councillor Turver said that members were especially grateful for the work carried out by *Take Care* staff.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)*

- 1 *That the report be received and contents noted*
- 2 *That the Region's territorial authorities, and in particular the Kapiti Coast District Council, Porirua City Council, Hutt City Council and Wellington City Council be thanked for their continued support of the Region's recreational water quality monitoring programme.*

#### E 211 *Take Care Funding Policy*

**Report 03.410**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Turver)*

*That the change in the funding parameters for groups in the Take Care environmental care programme be approved.*

### Matters for Information

#### E 212 **Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 03.397**

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**Environment Division Strategic Planning**

Dr Bradbury said that the division's management team had had a strategic planning day away from the office and had decided that the following management issues be accorded priority.

### **Priorities – Long Term**

- Sustainable stormwater management in the Region
- Review of RPS and regional plans
- Meeting Take 10 targets that are the responsibility of the Environment Division
- Improving our communication – both internal and external – what we do and what we want the community to do
- Improving and maintaining staff motivation (how to keep motivated with the stresses of bureaucracy and the modern world!)
- Retain Harbours functions with GW

### **Priorities – Short Term**

- Complying with RM Amendment Act – including heritage
- Reviewing Iwi contracts
- CDEMG Plan
- Health and safety reporting
- Deciding on a path to improve waste management in Region (clarify our role)

### **Water Supply Issues**

After some discussion about the exact nature of the Committee's request for information, about the implications of drought for consent applications and compliance, Ms Hammond explained that the forthcoming annual compliance report should contain the information required.

### **Emergency Management**

Dr Bradbury said that Mr van Schalkwyk, Manager Emergency Management, had been appointed to a job with the United Nations and would be resigning from the Regional Council in the near future.

## **Consents Management**

Dr Bradbury noted that Paula Hammond, Manager, Consents Management, was attending her last meeting and would be taking maternity leave in the near future.

## **Iwi Funding**

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

*That the matter of a review of Iwi funding be raised with Ara Tahi.*

## **DM's Report**

*Resolved* (Cr Barr/Cr Turver)

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

## **E 213 Aquacultural Update**

### **Report 03.413**

File: ENV/10/02/04

*Resolved* (Cr Turver./Cr Evans)

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

## **E 214 Results of the Two-Yearly Resource Management Act Survey of Local Authorities 2001/2002**

### **Report 03.393**

File: ENV/08/02/01

*Resolved* (Cr Barr/Cr Turver)

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

## **E 215 Science and Research Support Summary 2002/03**

### **Report 03.385**

File: ENV/11/01/01

*Resolved* (Cr Barr/Cr Evans)

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

E 216 **Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning**

**Report 03.384**

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Dr Bradbury said that Marie Sanders, Policy Advisor (Statutory), was attending her last meeting and would be taking maternity leave in the very near future.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan.)*

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

E 217 **Decisions on Non-Notified Resource Consent Applications**

**Report 03.396**

File: ENV/1/8/4

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)*

*That the report be received and contents be noted*

E 218 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 24 May to 27 June 2003**

**Report 03.401**

File: ENV/17/02/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received and contents be noted*

## **Other Matters**

E 219 **Questions**

**Strategy for Urban Development and Transport Planning**

Councillor Evans asked about progress on urban development and the linkage with transport issues such as the Aotea Block.

Dr Bradbury said officers of the Regional Council were continuing to work with their colleagues in local authorities and she will present a report update to the Council meeting on 5 August 2003.

E 220      **General**

**Regional Councillor Representation on Hearings**

Responding to Councillor Barr, Councillor Buchanan said Regional Councillor representation on Hearings Committees were decided by the Divisional Manager and himself. Councillor Buchanan said that he usually chaired the Committee with an Iwi representative and a constituency Councillor. Councillor Buchanan noted that there had been few hearings in the present triennium.

**Judy Lawrence**

Councillor Barr said he understood that Judy Lawrence, Chief Executive Climate Change had recently attended a meeting of Chief Executives of Regional Councils. Councillor Barr asked whether there had been any feedback from the meeting. Dr Bradbury said she would investigate.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

CR I BUCHANAN  
Chairperson