

**Report 05.668**

1 December 2005

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**Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 1 December 2005 at 9.31am**

**Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.**  
*Matters for Information of Council are in italic type*

**Present**

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Baber, Evans, Laidlaw, and Shields

**Officers Present**

Dr Bradbury, Messrs Cameron, Corry, Cross, Denton, Jackson, Markland, McLea, Porteous, Pryce, Sherriff, Skene, Van Schalkwyk, Waddy, Kirsten Forsyth, Juliet Milne, and Nicola Shorten.

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

E 111      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Committee*

*Accept the apologies for absence from Councillors Buchanan and McDavitt.*

E 112      **Public Participation**

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

E 113      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Turver)*

*That the Committee:*

*Confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 21 September, Report 05.540, and 29 September 2005, Report 05.563.*

## **Harbour Matters**

There were no Harbour matters for consideration.

## **Civil Defence Matters**

There were no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

## **Environmental Matters**

### **Matter for Decision**

E 114      **Mangatarere Stream Plan Change Hearing Committee**

**Report 05.642**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Baber/Cr Evans)*

*That the Committee:*

*Approves the appointment of Councillor Shields (as Chairperson) and Councillor Long to the Hearing Committee for Plan Change 2 to the Regional Freshwater Plan (minimum flows and allocation limits in the Mangatarere Stream).*

## Matters for Information

E 115      **Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 05.649**

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### **Matters Raised By Councillors**

- (1)      What input is the Environment Division making in roading proposals impacting on the environment
- (2)      As part of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) process Greater Wellington should publish an explanatory note for the public regarding the RPS.
- (3)      The need for Greater Wellington to champion the environment more vigorously from next year.
- (4)      Greater Wellington could take a leadership conservation role in water drought situation.
- (5)      Thought should be given to training for Honorary Enforcement Officers.
- (6)      Officers to outline for the Committee our current ability to carry out our emergency management functions and to suggest possible improvements.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Baber/Cr Shields)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1)      *Receive the Report.*
- (2)      *Note the contents of the Report.*

10.40am      Morning Tea Break

11.00am      Meeting Resumed

E 116      **Findings from the Soils Work for the State of the Environment Report**

**Report 05.653**

File: ENV/20/02/04

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1)      Receive the Report.*
- (2)      Note the contents of the Report.*

E 117      **Findings from the Ecosystems Work for the State of the Environment Report**

**Report 05.621**

File: ENV/0/02/07

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1)      Receive the Report.*
- (2)      Note the contents of the Report.*

E 118      **Findings from the Coastal Environment Work for the State of the Environment Report**

**Report 05.650**

File: ENV/20/02/05

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1)      Receive the Report.*
- (2)      Note the contents of the Report.*

E 119 **Findings from the Iwi Environment Management Systems Work for the State of the Environment Report**

**Report 05.409**

File: ENV/20/02/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1) Receive the Report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the Report.*

E 120 **Appreciation**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*

*That the Committee:*

*Record its appreciation of the contribution made by Graham Cameron, who will be leaving Greater Wellington at Christmas, and thank him for his work.*

E 121 **Sue Powell, General Manager, Working with Local Government, Ministry for the Environment – Presentation on ‘Talk Environment Roadshow’**

Sue Powell gave an audio visual presentation on its environmental proposals, and answered questions of the Committee.

E 122 **Recreational Water Quality Report 2004/2005**

**Issues Raised by Councillors**

How Greater Wellington can better communicate to the public, on a regular basis, about the bathing quality of problematic beaches.

**Report 05.619**

File: ENV/05/01/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Baber/Cr Evans.)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1) Receive the Report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the Report.*

E 123      **Muddy Waters Programme Update**

**Report 05.618**

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Howard Markland and Al Cross gave an audio visual presentation on the Muddy Waters Programme update, answering questions of the Committee.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Evans)*

*That the Committee:*

*(1)      Receive the Report.*

*(2)      Note the contents of the Report.*

E 124      **Report on the Resource Management Law Conference, 6-7 October 2005**

**Report 05.636**

File: ENV/01/07/02

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*

*That the Committee:*

*(1)      Receive the Report.*

*(2)      Note the contents of the Report.*

E 125      **Pollution Control Annual Report 2004/2005**

**Report 05.421**

File: ENV/17/02/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)*

*That the Committee:*

*(1)      Receive the Report.*

*(2)      Note the contents of the Report.*

E 126      **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

**Report 05.634**

File: ENV/01/08/04

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Committee:*

*(1)      Receive the Report.*

*(2)      Note the contents of the Report.*

E 127      **Pollution Control Report for the Period 19 August to 4 November 2005**

**Report 05.645**

File: ENV/17/02/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee:*

*(1)      Receive the Report.*

*(2)      Note the contents of the Report.*

**Other Matters**

E 128      **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 129      **General**

Councillor Turver advised that he had placed a paper in the Bulletin on the Sea Change conference that he had attended.

12.59      The meeting closed

CR C TURVER  
Chairperson

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council – 15 December 2005**

*To be moved:*

**That Council**

**Adopt the Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 1 December 2005, E111 to E129 inclusive.**