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Report of the Regional Sustainability Committee meeting (Hearing on draft Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan) held on 16 April 2009

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee (Hearing on draft Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan) that took place at the Pataka Museum, Porirua on 16 April 2009.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2002*.

3. Background

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) received 43 written submissions. Fifteen oral submissions were heard by the Regional Sustainability Committee at the meeting (Report No. 09.208).

4. Key issues raised in the oral submissions

There were fifteen oral submitters who, each in turn, orally presented their written submission within a 5 minutes time slot.

In summary the issues that were raised from the oral submissions were:

- Support the changes of the *Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan* regarding wind farm activities and support the development of Puketiro wind farm.
- Opposed the use of the park for wind farm related activities, especially the wind farm access and infrastructure required for the wind farm development.
- Notes that GWRC is acting outside its powers and from a position of predetermination and bias. This is for reasons that the wind farm activities cannot be considered to have been approved before the consultation process has been completed.
- Notes that GWRC should postpone the *Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan* process until Plan Change 7 of the Porirua District Plan is finalised.
- Considers that felled trees should be transported out of the park via existing routes and roadways.
- Notes errors and inconsistencies found within the *Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan*. This includes the changes for the future requirements of the Transmission Gully motorway project.

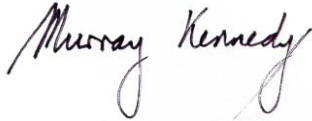
5. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed public minutes