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REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Committee Council  
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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

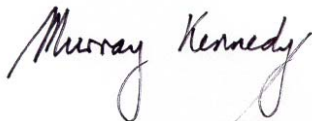
*That the Council:*

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

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**Attachment 1:** Unconfirmed public minutes



**Please note that these minutes remain unconfirmed until the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee on 12 May 2009.**

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee  
(Hearing on draft Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan)  
held at the Pataka Museum, corner Norrie and Parumoana  
Streets, Porirua City on Thursday, 16 April 2009 at 9.14 am**

**Present**

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairman), Aitken, Baber, Burke, and Donaldson.

**Business**

**RS 96 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee*

*Accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Bruce, Kirton, and  
Wilde, and Mr McKenzie & Mrs Mellish.*

**RS 97 Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

RS 98 **Process for considering submissions on the draft Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Hears the oral submissions.*
3. *Agrees to consider all written and oral submissions in the manner set out in section 4 of the report.*

RS 99 **Hearing of Submissions on the draft Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan**

**Oral submissions**

<b>Name/organisation</b>	<b>Sub. no</b>	<b>Time</b>
Pherne Tancock on behalf of Pauatahanui Futures Society Inc.	42	9:16 am - 9.31
Allan Bloomfield	6	9:31 - 9.37
Selwyn Blackmore on behalf of the New Zealand Transport Agency.	32	9:37 – 10.00
<i>The meeting was adjourned between 10:00 am and 10.03 am.</i>		
Graeme Hastilow on behalf of Ngati Toa Rangatira	39	10.03 – 10.15
Nicola Chapman	12	10.15 -10.38
<i>The meeting was adjourned between 10:38 am and 11.03 am for morning tea.</i>		
Ken McAdam and Alan Gray on behalf of the Pauatahanui Residents' Association.	24 & 25	11.04 – 11.22
Dean Whiteman	16	11.22 – 11.29
Diane Strugnell	1	11.31 – 11.41
Tara Cooper	22	11.43 am – 12.13 pm
Ron Segal	14	12.14 – 12.24
<i>The meeting was adjourned between 12:25 pm and 1:29 pm for lunch.</i>		
Chris Drayton (RES Group)	30	1.30 – 2.00
Judith de Wilde	4	2.00 – 2.12
Mark Phillips	3	2.12 – 2.22
Chris Horne	31	2.22 – 2.43

**Noted**

Written submissions were not considered at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2:45 pm.

Cr C.R. LAIDLAW  
Chairman

Date: