

File E/11/01/04

## Report 12.220

### Council

#### Minute extract from meeting held on 13 June 2012

#### Notice of motion – Councillor Paul Bruce

*Moved*

*(Cr Bruce / Cr Wilson)*

*That the Council*

- 1. Notes that preliminary work by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment has resulted in a decision to examine more closely hydraulic fracturing issues.*
- 2. Accepts that information on risks to the Environment and people of hydraulic fracturing in NZ remains unclear.*
- 3. Directs Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resource Management Committee to include policies and rules related to oil or gas hydraulic fracturing exploratory or production wells drilling as part of the single Regional Plan.*
- 4. Expresses concern that Resource Consent applications for oil or gas hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) exploratory or production wells received by GW are likely to suffer delays until sufficient information on environmental effects can be obtained.*
- 5. Agrees that in consideration of any consent applications for hydraulic fracturing, the uncertainties in risks will be taken into account, that a precautionary approach will be taken, and where appropriate further information sought or consent declined.*

*Moved as an amendment to replace motions 2 to 5*

*(Cr Laidlaw / Cr Aitken)*

- 2. That the Council welcomes the investigation into fracking activity within New Zealand by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, and notes that this investigation represents an essential prerequisite to an adequate understanding of the potential effects of this activity. The Council looks forward to the outcome of this investigation as a basis for deciding on suitable provisions relating to fracking in its new natural resources management plan.*

The amendment was **CARRIED**, and became part of the substantive motion, which was **CARRIED**.

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