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Committee Social and Cultural Wellbeing  
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## Water Supply Annual Report

### 1. Purpose

To obtain the Committee's approval to publish the Water Supply Annual Report for 2011/12.

### 2. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

#### 2.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

### 3. Background

The Greater Wellington Water Supply Annual Report captures the achievements and challenges for the bulk water supply operations for the year ended 30 June 2012. It is supplementary to the GW Annual Report and provides our city council customers and other stakeholders with a more detailed account of work conducted throughout the year.

The Water Supply Annual Report 2011/12 is attachment 1. Audit New Zealand are currently undertaking an audit of the financial results in the Water Supply Annual Report. At the time of writing we were not certain whether the audit would be completed by 24 October.

Please note that the final proof-read is still to be completed at the deadline for submitting committee papers.

#### 4. **Comment**

Our annual water supply total has decreased again – for the sixth year in a row. This year we have seen less supply than for any of the previous 25 years. To date, our reduction in per capita supply is 12.3% since 2009 (our 2009-19 LTCCP target was to achieve a 10% reduction in supply by 2019).

While this progress is positive, many factors can influence the levels of water use, including subdued economic activity, recent benign summers and the publicity about our reduced water storage during the Stuart Macaskill Lakes upgrade.

The project to improve the resilience of the Stuart Macaskill Lakes against earthquake damage and to increase their storage capacity has reached the halfway point. We began refilling Lake Two in September and we expect that Lake One will be drained in November in preparation for its resilience and storage capacity work (due to start in January 2013).

The report notes several other achievements, all of which demonstrate an ongoing story of effective business management and innovative service delivery for GW Water.

#### 5. **Communication**

The Water Supply Annual Report will be posted to our customers and other relevant stakeholders identified in our database and a copy will be made available on our website.

Media releases will be issued to highlight key achievements and to indicate how to obtain a copy of the report.

#### 6. **Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report***
2. ***Notes the content of the report***
3. ***Approves the publication of the Greater Wellington Water Supply Annual Report for 2011/12***

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**Attachment 1: Water Supply Annual Report 2011/12**