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Report to the Environment Committee
from Richard Peterson, Policy Advisor (Statutory)

Regional Council Input to District Planning

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Regional Council input to the statutory resource management processes of territorial authorities in the western part of the Region.

2. Overview

2.1 Resource Consents

Nine notified resource consents were received during the period since the last report. Two of these contained issues of interest to the Regional Council.

The first, the redevelopment of Taranaki Wharf by Lambton Harbour Management, involved the relocation of the Wellington Free Ambulance building. This is a Category 1 heritage building and as such is recognised in the Regional Policy Statement as being regionally significant. After consulting with the applicant and New Zealand Historic Places Trust no submission was made on the application. The Trust and the applicant have agreed to work together on protecting the heritage values of the building, and the neighbouring Odlin's building, consistent with the policy in the Regional Policy Statement.

The second application was a six lot subdivision on Paekakariki Hill Road. This subdivision straddles the Transmission Gully route. A lot will be created which contains the designation, and this will be sold to Transit. The main issue was the protection of an area of indigenous vegetation. The site, Abbott Bush, is an important area of remnant bush part of which has a protective covenant. Concern about the impact of development on the bush and surrounding parts of its ecosystem were raised in a submission. It is hoped that conditions can be agreed upon and that, consequently, a hearing will not be necessary. The applicant, and their neighbours,

will also be approached about including this area of bush in the Council's Key Native Ecosystems Programme

2.2 **Transport Designations**

Montgomery Watson has been in regular contact with the Council over the past month about options for bridging over the railway line in the vicinity of MacKays Crossing. This work is part of an exercise looking at State Highway 1 from Pukerua Bay to MacKays Crossing, but it is also linked to the Transit New Zealand Sandhills Motorway designation.

The main issue of concern for the Regional Council is the impact that any development in this area will have on Queen Elizabeth Park. Following consultation with the Council, and other parties, Transit hope to be able to release a series of options for this work in the near future.

3. **Recommendation**

That the report be received and the information noted.

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