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Report to the Environment Committee
from Richard Peterson, Policy Advisor, Resource Policy

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

Eleven notified resource consents were received during the period since the last report (written on 8 July). Only one of these has thus far required a submission from the Regional Council.

This application is for a five-lot subdivision and land use consent in Antrim Crescent, Wainuiomata. The concerns expressed in the submission related to the potential impact that a proposed access track and service easement may have had on an area of native bush. As a result of the submission an agreement was reached with the applicant to re-route the track and easement around the area of bush.

Of the two submissions made in the previous report period, a hearing was held on the topsoil mining proposal on the 11th-12th of August. The hearing commissioners have not yet released their decision. The other application, the convention centre at the former Hawkins Hill Radar Base, is to be heard on 1 September 1999.

2.2 Transport Designations

During this report period Upper Hutt City Council notified Transit New Zealand's notice of requirement for the Kaitoke Hill upgrade on State Highway 2. The Regional Council made a submission on this requirement giving conditional support. The reason for this support is that the upgrade will have much reduced impacts on Kaitoke Regional Park and the Te Marua water supply facilities than the alternative road previously proposed to run through the Park. The upgrade will also provide improved

access to the Te Marua end of the Park and to the Rimutaka Incline Road, and is consistent with both the existing and draft Regional Land Transport Strategies.

However, the submission requested that Transit give further consideration to the alignment of the upgrade in the vicinity of Te Marua Bush and the historic Rimutaka Railway embankment. It also asked for conditions which ensure that:

- The earthworks proposed do not affect the Te Marua water supply lakes; and
- Appropriate rehabilitation is carried out on any earthworks within the boundary of the Regional Park.

2.3 District Plans

Upper Hutt City Council held the hearing on Chapter 17 and Variation 1 of its Proposed District Plan between August 25 and September 1. These provisions relate to the St Patrick's Estate site in Silverstream. This site is also subject a resource consent application for the ProMall shopping and entertainment centre.

The Regional Council submission requested that changes be made to the Plan provisions so that any development on this site is required to make adequate provision for public transport and flood protection. To a large degree the City Council officer reports support the Regional Council's requests.

On 30 July 1999 the Kapiti Coast District Plan became operative.

3. Recommendation

That the report be received and the information noted.

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