

PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Report PE 99.745
19 October 1999

Minutes of the Public Excluded Part of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 19 October 1999 at 10.45am

Present

Councillors Shaw (Acting Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Thomas and Werry and Councillor Hutchings (WCC)

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Karin Floyd, Kennedy, Leonard, Morrison, Roberts and Sells

Procedural Items

PE US 18 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)

That the apology for Councillor McQueen be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation to Policy and Finance Committee

PE US 19 **Harvest Access: Puketiro Forest**

Report PE 99.582

File: F/5/2/1

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the Committee recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Wellington Regional Council:

- (1) Notes that the expenditure of \$170,000 is in addition to this year's budgeted expenditure for roads and will be debt funded. The remaining \$123,500 will be expended in future years.*
- (2) Notes with this agreement all logs harvested from the Puketiro Forest (except the Battle Hill Block) will be able to use this route and thus avoid the use of Bulls Run and Moonshine Roads, neither of which are suitable for the anticipated level of use by heavy vehicles.*
- (3) Notes the expenditure involved with this option is equivalent to a logging royalty of 59 cents per tonne for the current rotation, which compares favourably with the \$2.25 per tonne we are paying at Whakatikei.*
- (4) That the Council's Common Seal be affixed to the formal agreement.*

The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 11.00am.

COUNCILLOR R K SHAW
Acting Chairman

Date: