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## **Public Excluded**

### **Report PE01.498**

10 July 2001

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**Record of the Public Excluded Part of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 10 July 2001 at 11.50am**

**Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.**  
*Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.*

### **Present**

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas and Werry

### **Officers Present**

Messrs Benham, Bezett, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright and Dr Bradbury

## **Public Excluded Business**

### **Procedural Items**

PEP&F 54 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr McQueen)*

*That the apologies from Councillor Allen and Councillor Turver be confirmed.*

## Matter for Consideration

PEP&F 55 The Future of Plantation Forestry

Report PE 01.467

File: O/5/12/2

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)**

**That Council:**

- (1) Receives Report PE 01.467.**
- (2) Acknowledges the changing strategic goals of the Council, especially with the new emphasis on environmental values.**
- (3) Recognises the serious long-term financial problems facing Plantation Forestry as a business.**
- (4) Recognises the merits of adopting a broader land management concept, which includes the future of WRC's exotic forest holdings.**
- (5) Considers the content of Report PE 01.467 and:**
  - (1) holds a workshop on the subject as soon as practicable.**
  - (2) further considers Report PE 01.467, and any further reports, with the aim of a recommendation being made for the matter to be included in the incoming Council's annual review of the Long-Term Financial Strategy in early 2002.**
- (6) Notes that the Plantation Forestry Planting Programme for 2002 be submitted to the Utility Services Committee for approval and that all future plantation planting programmes be submitted in September of the year prior to planting taking place.**
- (7) Invites officers to report on the financial and other implications of issues raised in the paper.**

PEP&F 56 Tranz Metro Acquisition Process

Oral Report

File: CFO/11/4/2

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Chairperson/Councillor Shields)**

**That Council:**

- (1) Receives the oral report from the General Manager.**

- (2) Notes that the General Manager is to make a presentation to Territorial Authority Chief Executive Officers on 11 July 2001.**
- (3) Notes that “road testing” of the key documents has commenced with participation from five potential private sector partners.**
- (4) Authorises the presentation of a formal proposal to Government including:**
  - (i) a request for enabling legislative amendments to be undertaken and:**
  - (ii) a request that Government support the Council in pursuing the formal process of partner selection and subsequent negotiation with Tranz Rail Ltd.**
- (5) Notes that formal Council approval of the key documents and the process for selecting Council’s preferred partner will be requested as soon as practicable following completion of the “road testing” exercise.**

The public excluded part of the meeting concluded at 1.25pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL  
Chairperson

Date: