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Report to the Utility Services Committee  
from David Benham, Divisional Manager, Utility Services

## **Water Supply Integration**

### **1. Purpose**

To update the Committee on progress in developing a workable integrated water supply solution encompassing the water supply related activities of Hutt City Council, Wellington City Council and the Wellington Regional Council.

### **2. Background**

The attached report was presented to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 30 May 2000. The recommendations were supported.

### **3. What Has Happened Since?**

Since the approval by all three City Councils, in May, a joint project group has been established which includes two officers from each Council. Murray Kennedy and I are the Council's representatives.

The efforts of the project group have centred around producing a proposal that meets the non-negotiable principle of water assets remaining in public ownership with quality and security standards being maintained.

In summary the group has:

- reviewed in detail, changes that have occurred in water delivery in Australia and New Zealand in recent years.
- reviewed any legal issues that may affect the proposal.
- considered the inclusion of waste and stormwater in the proposal.

- evaluated a number of options in relation to the criteria set.
- considered a number of aspects relating to public discussion and community consultation, and the development of a communications programme.

It is pleasing to report that there is considerable agreement on fundamental issues amongst the project group and we are confident of presenting a robust proposal for the Councils consideration.

#### 4. **The Position of Porirua City Council and Upper Hutt City Council**

A formal invitation, to be part of the process, was issued to both Councils, to which both declined. The project group is aware that any proposal must not disadvantage either of these Councils and should they wish to join at a future date this should be able to be readily implemented.

#### 5. **Next Steps**

The project group expects to be in a position to report to the three Councils by December 2000. Should this proposal be accepted in principle by the Councils, a detailed public consultation programme would be planned.

#### 6. **Recommendations**

*That the report be received.*

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