

## 5. Environment Committee

### Membership

In addition to Councillors, to include:

- (1) A statutory appointee as required by the Civil Defence Act 1983 when considering emergency management matters.
- (2) One additional person when considering harbours' matters.
- (3) An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee.
- (4) The Council Chairperson is a member *ex officio*.

**Quorum:** 3 Regional Councillors

### Objectives of the Environment Committee

#### Objective 5A

To promote the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of the Region.

#### Objective 5B

To manage the use, development and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic and **cultural** well-being and for their health and safety while:

- Sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations.
- Safeguarding the life supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems.
- Avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.

#### Objective 5C

To promote and enhance comprehensive emergency management, including mitigation, awareness, response and recovery programmes, within the Region.

#### Objective 5D

To manage the harbours and coastal waters of the Wellington Region for navigation and **safety** purposes.

## Specific Responsibilities of the Environment Committee

- 5.1 Advising the Council on policy matters relating to resource management, environmental standards, harbours and emergency management.
- 5.2 Developing and implementing regional policies and plans.
- 5.3 Considering applications for resource consents and determining them under delegated authority.
- 5.4 Reviewing and approving civil defence plans submitted by city and district councils.
- 5.5 Providing navigational aids, a communications service and enforcing maritime safety regulations on the harbours for which Council is responsible, as well as providing an oil pollution response service for regional **coastal** waters.
- 5.6 Taking into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in the decision making process and working with the Region's Iwi through Ara Tahi.