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**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional
Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday,
15 February 2001 at 9.30am**

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Brennand, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

374 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

375 **Public Participation**

Mr H Phillips, The Save Rail Network

Mr Phillips said that with the proposed sale of Tranz Metro the Wellington Regional Council must take an ownership position in the metropolitan rail asset if the future of commuter rail is to be assured. Mr Phillips said it would be totally irresponsible for the Regional Council to ignore the issues and continue with the present contractual arrangements which are simply not working.

Members noted a copy of Mr Phillips' written submission had been circulated in a Councillors' Bulletin.

The meeting adjourned at 9.40am.

The meeting reconvened at 12.15pm.

Matters for Consideration

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Resolved

(Chairman/Cr McQueen)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 15 February 2001 be adopted.

The meeting closed at 12.16am.

CR SA MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: