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

Divisional Report

1. Purpose

- To receive the attached activity reports for July 2002 (*Attachment 1*).
- To outline various areas of interest or activity.

2. Hutt and Wellington City Councils' Proposed Joint Water Services Management Unit

This initiative was put to both Councils in early August. Both Councils have agreed to proceed to public consultation on the proposal. I understand that the consultation will take place during September. The expectation is that the officers will be in a position to report back to their respective Councils later in the year for a decision.

3. Award

In mid August, the Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand made their annual awards. This year, they made three gold awards of excellence from 54 applications. Awards are made to the consultant and its client.

The Wellington Regional Council has been presented with a gold award as a result of a project carried out in conjunction with Beca Applied Technology. The citation reads "Presented to Wellington Regional Council given in recognition of an outstanding project, namely Energy Cost Minimisation System by Beca Carter Hollings and Ferner Limited". The two other gold awards this year were to Becas for their Sky Tower in Macau, and to Opus Consultants for a difficult highway engineering project at Candy's Bend between Arthurs Pass and Otira.

Virtually all of the other projects entered into the awards were presented physical structures. The Council and the Council staff concerned can feel justly proud of receiving this award as it is essentially based on the development of some very specialist software.

4. **Recommendation**

That the report is received and the information noted.

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Attachment 1: Utility Services Division's Activity Reports to 31 July 2002