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Committee Environment
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Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Greater Wellington Regional Council's input to the statutory resource management processes of territorial authorities in the western part of the Region.

2. Overview

2.1 Resource Consents

Twenty notified resource consent applications were received since the last Committee report. No submissions have been made since the last committee meeting. However, not all applications have been assessed for the need to make a submission.

The following is an update of progress with submissions made on earlier consent applications.

2.1.3 Ngarara Partnerships, Kapiti Coast District Council

GWRC made a submission on an application from Ngarara Partnerships for a rural-residential subdivision on Ngarara Road near Waikanae. The site lies adjacent to the Nga Manu Reserve and contains a significant wetland habitat.

Representatives of GWRC attended the hearing and gave evidence regarding wetland habitat, wastewater treatment and general planning issues. The KCDC Consents Planner had recommended the application be declined and this was supported by GWRC.

2.2 District Plans

2.2.1 Proposed Upper Hutt District Plan Reference

In February 2002, Upper Hutt District Council released its decisions on the Proposed Upper Hutt District Plan. The GWRC referred a number of these decisions to the Environment Court in March last year. Because of the number of parties who made references on the Proposed Plan, UHCC has been very busy trying to sort them out. A recent meeting between UHCC and GWRC made good

progress on the majority of points we referred. The main outstanding issues are complicated because a number of other parties referred the same sections of the Plan. These sections included the vegetation clearance rules and policies protecting significant ecosystems. UHCC will be organising meetings between parties in the near future. UHCC will be organising meetings with all parties in the near future.

2.2.2 Consultation on Kiwi Point Quarry

Wellington City Council has produced a consultation leaflet about the relocation of Kiwi Point Quarry as the existing site will run out of rock in 2006. The proposed option is to reopen a previously quarried area between Tylers Road and Taylor Prestons, south of the current site. This area is zoned Open Space therefore a change to the District Plan would be required if WCC decides this is the best site available.

Wellington City Council are seeking feedback on the proposal and it is likely GWRC will make a submission.

2.3 Other Plans

2.3.1 Hutt Corridor Plan

The Hutt Corridor Plan Hearing was held on Monday 7 April. I presented evidence at this hearing, along with a representative from Parks and Forests, to elaborate on the submission made on behalf of GWRC. The submission covered issues about Belmont Regional Park, public transport, flood management and general environmental issues.

3. Communication

The matters referred to in this report are part of an on-going statutory process, and these processes are the appropriate way of communicating the relevant information.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee;

- 1. receive the report; and*
- 2. note the contents.*

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