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Government Transport Sector Review - submission of Council

1. Purpose

For the committee to consider a proposed submission to the Transport Sector Review Team of the State Services Commission.

2. Background

In late 2003 the government announced a review of the government transport sector. The *Government Transport Sector Review* encompasses the Ministry of Transport and the six transport Crown entities: Civil Aviation Authority, Land Transport Safety Authority, Maritime Safety Authority, Transport Accident Investigation Commission, Transfund New Zealand and Transit New Zealand. It does not include Track Co.

The purpose of the review is identified by the State Services Commission and Ministry of Transport as being to “(a) consider whether the government transport sector is best arranged and has the capability to implement the New Zealand Transport Strategy (NZTS) and to carry out its other requirements and obligations; (b) to consider ways to enhance the performance of the sector; and (c) to propose any necessary changes” (The Review Team’s Terms of Reference are included as attachment 1 to this report).

The Review is being undertaken by a team comprising the State Services Commission, the Treasury, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Ministry of Transport. It is expected that a draft report will be provided to the Ministers by mid-April 2004.

Crown entities, local government, and key transport sector and related groups have been invited to make a submission to the review team. The closing date for submissions is 13 February 2004.

3. Comment

Key outcomes of the review will be recommendations on:

- (1) The most appropriate government transport sector arrangements for meeting the New Zealand Transport Strategy (NZTS) objectives and improving performance
- (2) Any sequencing and/or implementation issues associated with restructuring (should it occur)

Having been invited to make a submission, it is appropriate for the Council to take this opportunity to identify its preferred model for the delivery of services by government transport agencies. It is therefore recommended that the Council make a submission to the review team (a draft submission is attached at Appendix 2 to this report).

LGNZ has indicated that it has engaged a consultant to assist with the preparation of its submission, which is being drafted at the moment. In order for the Council's submission to take into account the LGNZ submission (to the extent that this is appropriate), it is recommended that Council delegate authority to the Chairperson to approve any necessary minor amendments before the submission is forwarded to the Transport Sector Review Secretary on or before 13 February 2004.

4. Communications

The Council's submission will be sent to the review team by the due date.

5. Recommendations

That the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee:

- (1) *receive the report*
- (2) *recommend to Council that it endorse the submission (included as attachment 1 to this report)*
- (3) *recommend to Council that it delegate authority to the Chairperson to approve any necessary minor amendments to the submission before it is sent to the Government Transport Sector Review Team.*

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Attachment 1: Government Transport Sector Review Team - Terms of Reference

Attachment 2: Submission of Greater Wellington Regional Council addressed to Transport Sector Review Secretary