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General Managers' report to the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Greater Wellington's activities relating to the Committee's areas of responsibility.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Development

The new Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office was established on 1 July and the staff who were part of the Development Group transferred to the new office. A close working relationship will be developed with this Group to ensure Greater Wellington's responsibilities under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act are maintained.

A strategy for the future development of the metropolitan water supply system is being developed and will be reported to the Council later this year. This strategy builds on earlier work and updates some of the findings. As part of this review, consultants have been engaged to assist with a very preliminary evaluation for a 10 million litres per day desalination plant. The last time such a plant was reviewed, several years ago, they were found to be too expensive compared with other options. However, more recent advances in the technology is expected to show that the cost is now more competitive. A strategically located plant could also have advantages from an emergency management point of view.

4. Water Supply

We are continuing work to upgrade the Stuart Macaskill Lakes to ensure that stored water is retained after a major earthquake and to increase storage

volume. Work on Lake 2 is almost complete and we will commence refilling in mid August. Work on Lake 1 is due to start in November 2012, once Lake 2 has been refilled.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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