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## **Report to Council on Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee meeting, 11 August 2015**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Council of the Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee meeting of 11 August 2015.

### **2. Public participation**

There was public participation from Jason Fox, Chief Executive of the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust. Mr Fox commented on the process associated with the nomination and appointment of non-Councillor members of the Committee.

The Chair took note of Mr Fox's comments, and asked GWRC's Te Pou Whakarae to follow up on the matters raised.

### **3. Reports**

#### **3.1 Performance report end of year 30 June 2015.**

The Committee discussed the report for the year ended on 30 June 2015, which provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Environmental Policy, Environmental Regulation and Environmental Science departments.

The Committee noted that GWRC's Flood Protection Department has sought global river consents to continue existing flood protection, erosion control and maintenance activities in the western part of the Wellington region. The western part of the region includes the Hutt, Waikanae, Otaki and Waikanae rivers. Public notification on the applications will occur in September or October of this year. The Committee then discussed how these flood management plans and processes might be applied the eastern part of the region; officers advised that while a similar process would apply to that adopted in the western area the application would reflect the nature of the river systems and GWRC works in the eastern part of the region.

#### **4. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

##### **4.1 Engagement**

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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