

Report to the Environment Committee  
from Richard Peterson, Policy Advisor (Statutory)

## **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Committee of Regional Council input to the statutory resource management processes of territorial authorities in the western part of the region.

### **2. Overview**

#### **2.1 Resource Consents**

Eight notified resource consents were received during the period since the last report (written on 21 November). It seems unlikely that any of these applications will require a submission from the Regional Council.

Of the consents received in the previous period, only the North Gate Park retail development, proposed for Porirua, required a submission. This submission requested that the developer make further provision for public transport in the design of the proposal. Several meetings were held with the developer and Porirua City leading up to the hearing in which an agreement was reached about the changes the applicant needed to make to their proposal. As a result, our attendance at the hearing was limited to supporting the proposal design provided it included the agreed changes.

#### **2.2 District Plans**

##### **2.2.1 *Hutt City Council***

In November last year Hutt City Council notified a block of decisions on their Proposed District Plan. A significant number of these decisions related to

Wellington Regional Council submissions. Subsequently Wellington Regional Council has appealed 13 decisions to the Environment Court relating to transport, site stability and regional parks.

Telecom New Zealand has appealed Hutt City Council's decision to include setbacks from the rural rivers in its District Plan. These setbacks were included for flood protection purposes. We have notified the Environment Court that we wish to be a party to any negotiations or hearings on this appeal.

### 2.2.1 *Upper Hutt City Council*

UHCC have received a notice of requirement from HCC for a designation for a wastewater excess flow storage facility at Silverstream. The designation process is similar to that for a resource consent and consequently we have the right to make a submission on the requirement. At this stage it is not certain whether this will be necessary.

## 3. **Recommendation**

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

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