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Report to Policy Finance and Strategy Committee
from Howard Stone, General Manager

**Local Government New Zealand empowering document for delegates to
the World Summit on Sustainable Development**

1. Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of a report prepared by *Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)* which will empower delegates to the World Summit on Sustainable Development to speak authoritatively on behalf of local government in New Zealand.

2. Background

The World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held in Johannesburg between 26 August and 4 September 2002.

Local Government New Zealand's delegates are:

- Bob Harvey, Mayor of Waitakere City
- Neil Clarke, Chair of Environment Waikato
- Peter Winder, Chief Executive of *Local Government New Zealand*.

The attached report, *Preparing for the World Summit on Sustainable Development*, has been prepared to empower these delegates to speak on behalf of all local government in New Zealand. Therefore, *LGNZ* is seeking endorsement of the report.

3. The Report

The report has been structured to reflect a document prepared by the International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI).

The draft report also includes an attachment, *A New Zealand Local Government Declaration on Sustainable Development*. *LGNZ* has asked us to comment as

appropriate on the text of the main report and to say whether we think the signature of the President of *LGNZ* should be affixed to the declaration.

Once the comments of all local authorities have been received, the document will be further amended and adopted by the National Council as the policy position to be applied by our delegates to Johannesburg.

4. **Comment**

The report and the declaration reflect the presentations and discussions that this Council has been having recently about *sustainability, quality for life* and *Local Agenda 21*. It certainly provides a level of confidence that this Council is in step with developments and thinking elsewhere in New Zealand.

5. **Recommendations**

That the Policy Finance and Strategy Committee recommend to Council that:

- (a) it endorse the document entitled “Accelerating Sustainable Development: Local Action Moves New Zealand*
- (b) it supports the President of Local Government New Zealand affixing his signature to the attached declaration*

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Attachment: Draft *Accelerating Sustainable Development: Local Action Moves New Zealand*