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Report to the Landcare Committee
from Brendan Paul, Manager, Flood Protection (Strategy and Assets)

1999/2000 Annual Plan, Recommended Variations

1. Purpose

To obtain the Landcare Committee's endorsement to two variations to the Flood Protection work plan outlined in the proposed 1999/2000 Annual Plan.

2. Background

As a result of the acceleration of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) and the October 1998 flood damage repairs, several projects in the 1998/99 Annual Plan have fallen behind programme. It was noted in the six month financial review, and through Landcare Committee reports, that progress on these projects would be considered at the nine month financial review.

The outcome is that a number of projects (including the Wainuiomata Flood Hazard Assessment) are re-budgeted to be completed in the 1999/2000 financial year. The logic is that it would be undesirable to shelve partly completed work or projects.

As a result there is a "knock-on" impact on projects contained in Facing the Future 1997-2007, 1999 Update, 1999/2000 Annual Plan. The effected projects are now considered.

3. Porirua Stream Realignment – Findlay Street

At its meeting on 22 September 1998 Council adopted the 1 September 1998 Landcare Committee recommendation:

That the Landcare Committee recommends to Council:

- (a) that Option 4, full stream realignment, referred to in Report 98.239, is approved for construction and that the works be completed in the 1999/00 financial year, or later*

- (b) *that the project be managed by Consultants directed by Flood Protection staff.*

After an assessment of savings in other capital projects, the Porirua Stream realignment was included in the 1999/2000 Annual Plan and the 1999 Update of Facing the Future. The latter document has gone through the public consultation process and the project received support from Wellington City Council.

It is now considered that, with the re-budgeted flood damage works, there is limited scope to complete this project which is now recommended as an annual plan variation to be included in 2000/01. This is in keeping with the Landcare Committed resolution:

“...in the 1999/00 financial year, or later”.

4. The Mangaone Flood Hazard Assessment

With the Wainuiomata Flood Hazard Assessment now budgeted to be completed in 1999/2000 there is minimal scope for a further hydraulic modelling project. Again this project is recommended as an annual plan variation to be included in 2000/01.

5. Funding Implications

Both projects are loan funded. Through the Third Quarter Review process both items have been provisionally re-budgeted. Therefore, other than loans being taken up later than anticipated, there are no budgeting implications. Subject to the Landcare Committee's endorsement, both items will be reported to the Policy and Finance Committee in the Chief Financial Officer's composite report finalising the Annual Plan.

6. Recommendation

That the Landcare Committee:

- (1) *Receive this report and note its contents.*
- (2) *Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee's final Annual Plan meeting, that the Porirua Stream Realignment, and the Mangaone Flood Hazard Assessment, to be re-budgeted from the 1999/2000 Annual Plan to 2000/01.*

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