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Report to the Wellington Regional Council from Ted Maguire, Council Secretary

1999/2000 Wellington Regional Council Rates

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to recommend that Council make the 1999/2000 rates.

2. Background

On 7 July Council resolved to give public notice of its intention to make the following rates:

- General
- Regional Transport
- Stadium Purposes
- Rivers Management
- Bovine Tb Vector Control
- Wairarapa Catchment, Drainage and Water Supply Schemes

Public notice was given in *The Evening Post*, *The Dominion* and *The Wairarapa Times Age* on Saturday, 17 July 1999 (at least 14 clear days notice is required).

3. **Comment**

Appended to this report are:

•	Valuation equalisation certificate	Attachment 1
•	Detailed rate calculations	Attachment 2
•	Public notice of intention to make rates	Attachment 3

Councillors will recall that the General Rate is apportioned between the territorial authorities on the basis of equalised capital values supplied by Quotable Value New Zealand. The General and Rivers Rates are collected using uniform capital values.

The Special Order creating the rating system for the Stadium Purposes Rate was confirmed by the Council in 1998. The Special Order altering the rating system for the

Regional Transport Rate was confirmed by the Council on 7 July 1999.

The Bovine Tb and Wairarapa Scheme Rates are collected on a land area basis directly by the Wellington Regional Council by a single annual payment.

Section 10 of the Rating Powers Act 1988 requires that military facilities pay rates at a level no more than if they were rated on land value. The only facility in the Region that qualifies for this adjustment, Trentham Camp in Upper Hutt, is part residential and part commercial. The effect of section 10 is to reduce the rates for Trentham Camp and increase the cents in the dollar paid by other residential and commercial properties in Upper Hutt.

The rates use the net rateable capital values as at 30 June supplied by the collecting authorities. This ensures that the rates will appear on the rates assessment as struck by this Council. These values differ from the Net Equalised Capital Values as at 1 September 1998 provided by Quotable Value.

4. **Recommendations**

- (1) That, pursuant to the Rating Powers Act 1988 and all other Acts and powers enabling on that behalf, the Wellington Regional Council make the following rates for the period commencing 1 July 1999 and concluding 30 June 2000.
- (2) That the Council's Common Seal be affixed to certified copies of the resolution for supply to the collecting territorial authorities.

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Attachments

- 1. Valuation Equalisation Certificate
- 2. Detailed Rate Calculation
- 3. Public Notice of intention to make rates