



21 September 2000

The General Manager Wellington Regional Council PO Box 11646 WELLINGTON

Dear Mr Stone

HUTT RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN – ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

Council appreciated the presentation made by representatives of the Wellington Regional Council to its Works and Services Committee on 6 September 2000.

Council, at its meeting last evening, endorsed and supported the vision and principles set down in the draft Hutt River Environmental Strategy.

The Hutt River is a unique and very important asset to the City. The draft Environmental Strategy will ensure that the river and its corridors are managed in a way which maintains the agreed level of flood protection whilst providing overall co-ordination of any management and development options which may arise in the future. Council is very appreciative of its involvement to date, and looks forward to continuing its involvement with the Regional Council on this very important matter.

Yours sincerely

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HUTT CITY COUNCIL

CITY SECRETARIAT



File Reference:

Extract from minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING

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8. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

a) <u>Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan - Environmental Strategy</u> (AD35-18-11FT)

Report No. C2000/9/3 by the Divisional Manager Water Services – circulated Pink pages C 4-1 to 4-5.

Mayor Terris said that the Council should be trying to make the most of the Hutt River as an asset to the city. He said that Councillors Baird, Cousins and himself, had been working hard with the Wellington Regional Council to plan for improvements to the whole Hutt River area. He said that he was pleased that the Regional Council was proceeding with this **plan and** it should be noted that it was the Regional Council's **plan**.

Cr Baird suggested some *amendments* to the resolution to highlight the long-term nature of the strategy.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 000917

"That Council:

- (i) notes that an Environmental Strategy which sets a vision and guiding principles for development of the Hutt River environment has been developed by the Wellington Regional Council as a long-term strategy in association with floodplain protection;
- (ii) notes that physical works to implement the strategy will be subject to consultation and approval as part of the Annual Plan process of the Council responsible for any work, which might be introduced over a period of up to 40 years; and
- (iii) endorses and supports the vision and guiding principles set out in the Draft Hutt River Environmental Strategy and recommends that both Councils consider these as a basis forfuture environmental work. "