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Report to Environment Committee  
from Jo Campbell, Environmental Education Co-ordinator

## **Take Action for Water Update**

### **1. Purpose**

To update the Committee on progress with the *Take Action* programme and present the Take Action for Water resource material.

### **2. Background**

As Councillors will be aware, over the past year we put considerable thought and energy into developing the *Take Action* environmental education programme for 8-12 year olds. The first “module” in this programme, Take Action For Water, has been completed. Eight hundred copies of the Take Action for Water resource booklet have been produced, plus several thousand associated posters. These resources will be available at the Committee meeting.

### **3. Where to From Here?**

There is still a considerable amount of work to do before the programme is ready to launch in February next year. There will be a formal launch at this time. Our next step is to invite schools to sign up for the programme. In the next week a copy of the resource will be sent to every primary and intermediate school in the Wellington Region.

The booklets will arrive with the schools in time for their planning round for the next academic year. Bookings will be taken for February 2002 onwards. The programme is currently being promoted through a publicity leaflet, displays at events and in the local press.

In the meantime, we are completing the web site that accompanies the programme (and which we expect to have ready for Councillors to see at the Committee meeting), working on the Maori aspects of Take Action for Water, and working with two of the schools that took part in piloting the programme on their 'action projects'. We have recently completed a 'whole school' trial at Hiona College in Masterton and are developing the "ecobus" and its contribution to the programme

As part of their action project, Otari School may make a short presentation of the work that they have been doing to the Committee.

#### 4. **Recommendations**

*That the report be received and its contents noted.*

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