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Report to Environment Committee
from John Holmes, Section Leader, Policy Advice

WRC designations for the District Plan – City of Lower Hutt

1. Purpose

To seek the Committee's formal confirmation on Recommendations made by the Hutt City Council on designations sought by Wellington Regional Council for inclusion in the Hutt City District Plan.

2. Background

The Regional Council, a Requiring Authority under Section 166 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), sought the inclusion of 10 designations in the Proposed Plan for Lower Hutt. The designations variously related to water supply facilities, flood protection works and a Council depot.

The Hutt City Council and Commissioner Driver, pursuant to the First Schedule and Section 191 of the Act, have determined their Recommendations in respect of the Designations.

The RMA process means that the Regional Council has 30 working days from receiving the Recommendations (on 7th March) to formally advise the Hutt City Council whether the Recommendations are accepted or rejected, either wholly or in part. The City Council then has to inform anyone that made submissions on the Designations of the Regional Council's decisions, and the submitters have a right of appeal if they are dissatisfied with the decisions.

The Environment Committee has delegated authority to make decisions on the Recommendations. This item is being tabled at the Committee Meeting in order to meet the statutory timeframe.

3. **Discussion**

The Recommendations from the Hutt City Council (and Commissioner Driver) are to confirm all 10 Designations sought by the Regional Council.

It simply remains for the Regional Council, through the delegated authority of the Environment Committee, to formally accept the Recommendations and to inform the Hutt City Council accordingly.

4. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (1) **approves** the Recommendations of the Hutt City Council on Designations WRC 1-10 sought by the Wellington Regional Council for inclusion in the City of Lower Hutt District Plan; and
- (2) Hutt City Council be **informed** accordingly.

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