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## Sunset Highway Endorsement

### 1. Purpose

To seek the Committee's endorsement of the *Sunset Highway* proposal from Taranaki Regional Council.

### 2. Background

Taranaki Regional Council established a State Highway 3 Working Party in August 2002 to address issues relating to that part of the highway between New Plymouth and Te Kuiti. The result was a proposal to establish a touring route named *Sunset Highway*, running from Ngaruawahia, through Taranaki, to Wellington (SH1).

### 3. Comment

Taranaki Regional Council now requests consideration of this proposal by the Committee (**attachment 1**) and recommends it be supported, as it will strengthen the already strong touring links that exist between Waikato, Taranaki, Manawatu/ Wanganui and Wellington regions.

The touring route will add a positive dimension to the Wellington region's section of the route and it is reasonable to support the request.

### 4. Recommendation

*That the Committee:*

- 1. endorses the Sunset Highway proposal; and*
- 2. communicates its support to Taranaki Regional Council via the Committee Chair.*

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**Attachment**

1 – Letter from Taranaki Regional Council