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Wellington Region CDEM Group submission on the Proposed National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan

1. Purpose

To inform the Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (CDEM Group) about the CDEM Group submission on the Proposed National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan (National CDEM Plan).

2. Background

The Proposed National CDEM Plan was publicly notified on 23 August 2005 with submissions to be received by 14 October 2005.

Sections 39 and 44 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 require the Ministry of CDEM to prepare and approve a National CDEM Plan within three years after the date of the commencement of the Act, that is by 1 December 2005.

3. Co-ordinating Executive Group Discussion – 26 September 2005

The emergency management officers of the Region provided comments on the Proposed National CDEM Plan to the CDEM Group Office which, in turn, prepared a draft submission.

The Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) considered the draft submission on 26 September 2005.

Members concurred with the sentiment of the draft submission, but with the following changes:

- a) refer to section 39 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and highlight matters where the Proposed National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan does not comply with the Act.*

- b) express the view that the Proposed National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan is fatally flawed and should be withdrawn and rewritten due to its significance.*
- c) state that if the Proposed National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan is not able to be withdrawn and rewritten, it at the very least, undergo detailed editing.*
- d) state that if the Proposed National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan is not able to be withdrawn and rewritten, it should include a clause guaranteeing a review in two years.*

4. Conclusion

There is general dissatisfaction and disappointment with the quality of the Proposed National CDEM Plan. The Group's submission recommends that major changes be made.

5. Recommendation

That the CDEM Group:

- 1. receive the report; and*
- 2. endorse the Wellington Region CDEM Group's submission on the Proposed National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan.*

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