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Committee Catchment Management Committee  
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## Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee Summary and Minutes of 6 December 2007 meeting

### 1. Purpose

To provide a summary of the key outcomes from the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee (WHCAC) meeting held on 6 December 2007.

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Background

The draft minutes from the meeting are attached to the report.

The Committee held its inaugural meeting and received a briefing from Cr Buchanan on the roles and responsibilities of the Committee, its importance to the Total Catchment Management approach to sustainable management of resources, and its integration with the new Council committee structure.

### 4. Comment

The Advisory Committee received presentations from staff on the following matters;

- Hill Country Erosion Fund – MAF's fund of \$12M to target new regional initiatives targeting hill country erosion. The Committee were unanimous in their desire to increase the rate of adoption of soil erosion programmes. They saw this occurring through the provision of more Sustainability Plans, more staff to administer the Plans and a greater supply of poplar and willow poles.
- Afforestation Grant Scheme – MAF's fund of \$50M to establish new forests as part of its Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change

programme. The Committee wished to be updated on progress in securing a share of this fund.

- Poplar and willow supply – options for increasing Greater Wellingtons supply of poplar and willow poles to support the new hill country erosion initiatives. The Committee saw the expansion of pole supplies as a key part of any new regional initiative.

## 5. **Advisory Committee Recommendations**

The Advisory Committee has made the following recommendations;

- That Peter Gawith is appointed to the position of Chairperson of the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee.
- That Peter Gawith is appointed as the member of the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee to sit on the Catchment Management Committee as an Appointed Member.

## 6. **Communication**

No communications regarding the final representation on this Committee have been provided to date. An opportunity exists to present a profile of this Committee and its importance in relation to the Wairarapa hill country.

## 7. **Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee Minutes – 6 December 2007