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Committee Council  
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## Report on the Catchment Management Committee Meeting held on 18 June 2008

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee that took place on 18 June 2008.

### 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. Report

A wide ranging debate occurred in considering the preferred alignment of the Boulcott/Hutt stopbank. The following speakers made contributions in the public participation section of the meeting;

- Andy Beatson – lawyer representing the Boulcott Golf Club
- Glen Evans – ex regional councillor
- Dennis Page – adjoining landowner
- Representatives from Hutt City Council, including Mayor David Ogden and Councillors Deborah Hislop and David Bassett.

All spoke in support of the “Boulcott Alternative”. Cr Sandra Greig attended this meeting and also spoke in support of the “Boulcott Alternative”. After a full debate involving all the Committee the Catchment Management Committee resolved to recommend to Council that it proceed with stopbank on the basis of the “Green Alignment” being the preferred alignment.

John Eyles, Project Manager for the Waiwhetu Stream cleanup project, gave a short presentation on phase 1 of this project. Phase 1 was a trial of the proposed clean up methodology over a short reach of the stream downstream of the Bell Road bridge. The trial achieved all of its goals, including coming in just under the budget. John showed slides outlining the key aspects of the trial.

John Eyles also announced that a professional services contract was close to being let for the development and management of the next phase of the project. The preferred supplier was URS, our original consultant, teamed up with AC Consulting Group to ensure the full range of skills for the completion of the project. The Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee will meet shortly to consider the outcomes of the trial, and the work involved and timelines for progressing the clean up and associated channel improvements to construction.

Ian Gunn, Integrated Catchment Management Advisor, outlined the key elements involved in Greater Wellington adopting a total catchment management approach to its work. The Committee endorsed the approach and requested a workshop be organised with the view to everyone having a clear understanding of the total catchment management concept.

Dave Cameron, Manager, Land Management, outlined the recent activities of the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee. Following this he updated the Committee on the bid for funds from the Hill Country Erosion Fund administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF). MAF have confirmed that they are able to ring-fence the funding but are very keen to see the project start in 2008/09. A full paper on the bid was to be prepared for consideration by the Council at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June (Report 08.429).

There were no major points of discussion during the presentation of the Divisional Manager's report.

#### **4. Minutes**

The confirmed minutes of the Committee meeting are attached as Attachment 1.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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**Attachment 1: The minutes of the public part of the Catchment Committee meeting held on 18 June 2008.**