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Representation at the Resource Management Law Association Annual Conference 2008

1. Purpose

For the Council to determine its representation at the Resource Management Law Association (RMLA) Annual Conference 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. Background

The RMLA Annual Conference 2008 is being held in Dunedin from 25 to 27 September. The theme of this year's conference is "Southerly Change", with a focus on managing and adapting to economic and environmental changes. The conference programme is attached as **Attachment 1**.

4. Comment

In recent years the Council has sent two councillors to each RMLA annual conference. Last year, the Council's representatives were Cr Buchanan and Cr Baber. The iwi representative on the then Environment Committee, Jack Rikihana, also attended the conference.

It is estimated that the cost per person of attendance at the 2008 conference would be in the order of \$1900 (GST excl.), inclusive of airfares, airport shuttle transfers, accommodation, meals and conference registration. Savings of \$155 (GST excl.) on registration costs would be available for those councillors (Cr Wilde and Baber), who are subscribed members of the RMLA.

5. Communication

The RMLA will be advised of the Council's representatives to the conference.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Resolves its representatives to attend the RMLA Annual Conference 2008.*

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Attachment 1: Brief conference outline