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Committee Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group
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Accession Agreement between Wellington CDEM Group and GNS Science

1. Purpose

To recommend the CDEM Group approve and sign an Accession Agreement to enable the CDEM Group to become a participant under the Research Programme Agreement for the *It's Our Fault* project.

2. Background

The GNS Science (Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences) is currently leading a research programme called *It's Our Fault*, aimed at positioning the Wellington Region to become more resilient to earthquakes. The project entails a comprehensive study of the likelihood of large earthquakes near Wellington, the size of these earthquakes, and their impacts on our communities. The project started at the end of 2006 and significant new results are already emerging, highlighting the need to update assumptions for Wellington's planning and civil defence emergency management preparedness.

The project was introduced through a joint presentation by GNS Science and the Earthquake Commission (EQC) to the Wellington CDEM Group at its meeting of 2 November 2007.

At its meeting of 6 November 2008 (Report No. 08.803) the CDEM Group approved an amount of \$100,000 as its contribution to the *It's our Fault* project. The recommendation was that the sum of \$100,000 be provided to GNS Science over a period of two years, with Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) paying 50 percent and the territorial authorities the other 50 percent on a proportional basis. Wellington City Council was not included because of the fact it had already have made a \$100,000 contribution to the project.

3. Accession agreement

GNS Science has developed a Research Programme Agreement to allow

additional participants into the programme from time to time.

This Research Programme Agreement requires any incoming participant to sign an Accession Agreement in order for it to become a participant under the Research Programme Agreement.

The Wellington CDEM Group has now become a participant and needs to sign the agreement for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 financial years (the Agreement is attached).

The other parties to the Agreement will be signing counterparts. For this reason, the name of the GWRC contact person will be advised after the Agreement is signed.

4. Recommendations

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group:

- 1. **Receives** the report.*
- 2. **Approves** the Accession Agreement between the Wellington CDEM Group and GNS Science.*
- 3. **Requests** the Chair of the Wellington CDEM Group (Mayor Wayne Guppy) to sign the Agreement on the CDEM Group's behalf.*

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Attachment

- 1 Accession Agreement