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## **Report on the Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Plan Committee meeting held on 10 March 2010**

### **1. Purpose**

To report to the Council the proceedings of the meeting of Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resource Management Plan Committee held on 19 March 2010

### **2. Reports**

#### **2.1 National Policy Statements and National Environmental Standards – presentation from Ministry for the Environment**

Barry Johnson from the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) spoke to the Committee about the role of National Policy Statements and National Environmental Standards, and their relationship with regional and territorial authority-level documents.

Committee members asked Mr Johnson how best to prepare for possible National Policy Statements or Environmental Standards that may arise in the future, that could affect the Regional Plan directly. It was discussed that it would be best not to try and ‘second-guess’ central government policy, and proceed with the Plan development, but be mindful of MfE’s work programme so that there are no surprises when Policy Statements and Standards are published.

#### **2.2 Engagement and Communications Plan**

Members discussed the draft engagement plan and gave suggestions for improvements, including engagement methodology and scope. The draft “brand” was also raised as an issue by one member of the committee. It was decided that a group of committee members should work with officers on a revised draft prior to the next meeting.

## 2.3 Regional climate change response

Members received presentations on the case for action on climate change, Greater Wellington's response, and current issues that are already apparent.

## 2.4 Māori Values and Regional Resource Management

Members were provided with an overview of Māori values and both the past and present practices with which they are applied to resource management.

## 3. Communication

There are no matters in this report requiring further communication.

## 4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed 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: Unconfirmed Minutes