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Report on the Environmental Wellbeing Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2011

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Environmental Wellbeing Committee held on 15 March 2011.

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

There was one speaker in the public participation part of the meeting. Fred McDonald spoke about signage issues for a possum control operation on DoC land in the Otaki area. The area in question is a Animal Health Board managed operation. Mr McDonald also raised concerns about dangerous trees in the same forest and the potential safety risks for visitors. Staff have subsequently discussed the matters further with Mr McDonald.

The Committee considered a report on proposed amendments to the Biosecurity Act 1993 and the potential impacts on GW. Of particular interest was the proposal to require the Crown to meet “good neighbour” rules contained within regional pest management strategies, and clarifying the leadership roles and responsibilities of the Crown and regional councils. An overview was provided on the Pest Management National Plan of Action, launched in March 2011.

The Committee received a progress report on the development of the proposed Regional Biodiversity Strategy. A Committee workshop on the subject is planned for early May 2011.

The General Managers report updated the Committee on a number of key catchment management and production forestry projects.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the Committee's 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.