



Confirmed Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Shed 39, 2 Fryatt Quay, Pipitea, Wellington, on Wednesday, 15 May 2014 at 9.32am

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Bruce, Donaldson, Greig, Kedgley, Laban, Lamason, Swain and Wilson.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Wilde)

That the Council accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Brash, Laidlaw and McPhee.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Conflict of Interest declarations

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public Participation

The Chairperson advised Gerald Fitzgerald and Abby Tearle, Kensington Swan, and Graeme Wong, Southern Capital Partners (NZ) Ltd, that she declined their request to make a presentation to the meeting for reasons which include that any address from them to the Council may compromise the integrity of the overall tender process.

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Wilson)

That the Council temporarily suspends those provisions of Standing Orders that allow public input at meetings in order to maintain the integrity of the tender process for the sale of forestry cutting rights.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

4 **Exclusion of the public**

Report 14.140

File: E/12/01/04

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Greig)

That the Council:

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. *Forestry cutting rights sale*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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<i>1 Forestry cutting rights sale</i>	<i>Certain information contained in this report relates to potential sale of forestry cutting rights. Release of this information would be likely to harm the negotiating position of the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) as it proceeds to the final stages of completing the sale documentation. If exposed to the market it would adversely affect GWRC's capacity to negotiate an outcome most advantageous for ratepayers. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable GWRC to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</i>
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2. *Permit Murray Kennedy, Business Consultant, Adam Holloway, DLA Phillips Fox and Nicola Daly, DLA Phillips Fox, to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of her knowledge relating to the potential sale of forestry cutting rights. This knowledge,*

which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because it is the subject of the report.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 9.35am.

FH Wilde
(Chair)

Date: