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Report to the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee  
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## **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan : Confirmation of Broad Options**

### **1. Purpose**

To seek the Advisory Committee's endorsement of the Broad Options to be considered for the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan.

### **2. Background**

A comprehensive range of flood damage reduction options, to be studied for managing the Hutt River floodplain, was presented to the Advisory Committee at its meeting on 21 December 1999 (Report 98.603). The options were approved for public consultation. The list of improvement options was included in the same process, noted in Report 99.231, for consultation on the draft objectives.

### **3. Public Response**

There has been limited public response. The issue most widely commented on was gravel management. While this is an important issue, it is not an "option" for floodplain management. Rather it is a management technique that complements the channel management approach required for the chosen design standard. The Project Leader's report (99.232) has covered the issues of gravel management, and notes that further information will be provided when it comes to hand. The next newsletter will also include a feature which will address the various public perceptions and concerns about levels of gravel in the riverbed.

No further options have been suggested.

#### 4. **The Options**

The list of options from the newsletter “*Living with the River – March 1999*”, is included as **Attachment 1** to this report. These will be reported on, and a final mix selected in the process leading up to the selection of the “Design Standard”.

#### 5. **Response to Submissions**

At the conclusion of the “Design Standard” a report on public submissions will be presented to the Advisory Committee. The report will formally record all submissions (on both Objectives and Options) along with any actions taken to give effect to the suggestions.

#### 6. **Recommendation**

*That the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee recommend to the Landcare Committee for adoption the broad options for managing the Hutt River.*

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Attachment 1 : Options for Floodplain Management