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MEMORANDUM

To: All Councillors

From: Ted Maguire, Council Secretary

Local Government New Zealand Nominations

1. In "Bulletin No. 200/51" two memoranda from *Local Government New Zealand* were circulated. These dealt with nominations for:
 - (a) Regional Sector Group Representation on *Local Government New Zealand's* National Council.
 - (b) Zone 4 Chairmanship and National Council Representation

Both require a response to *Local Government New Zealand* by 2 November 2001.

2. Most Councillors will be very familiar with the role and structure of *Local Government New Zealand*. I am very happy to brief those Councillors who have been elected to the Council for the first time on the organisation and this Council's relationship. Further information is also available on the *Local Government New Zealand's* website (www.lgnz.co.nz).

Much information from *Local Government New Zealand* is circulated in the Councillor's Information Bulletin, while matters requiring formal decisions are included in Order Papers as and when necessary.

3. **Proposals**

- (a) Regional Sector Group

Councillor Shields is currently a Vice-President of *Local Government New Zealand* and is also one of the two regional sector group members of the *Local Government New Zealand* National Council. I understand that she has been nominated for reappointment by Environment Waikato and the Otago Regional Council. However, endorsement of nomination of Cr Shields by this Council would also be appropriate. Given current policy and legislation reviews being undertaken by Government at the present time, continuing involvement of one

of our members on the National Council would be very, very advantageous. (Others from WRC are likely to be involved in specific parts of these reviews.)

(b) Zone 4

It would not seem to be an appropriate time for this Council to nominate one of its members for Zone Chairmanship. Similarly, because of the separate regional representation on the National Council, via the Regional Sector Group, traditionally we have not taken a leading role concerning Zone representation on the National Council.

Concerning Zone 4, a meeting is scheduled for 19 November. Normal practice has been for the Wellington Regional Council to be represented by both the Chair and Deputy Chair with any other interested Councillors able to attend. Details are notified in the Councillors' Information Bulletin.

The question of the involvement outlined above, as well as with other aspects in the *Local Government New Zealand's* work programme, will be discussed in a Report to Council on 8 November 2001.

3. **Action Required Now**

As a response must be made to *Local Government New Zealand* by 2 November, Councillors are invited to advise me informally by noon on Wednesday, 31 October:

- (a) Whether they support the nomination of Councillor Shields for appointment as a Regional Sector Group member of the National Council
- (b) Whether you agree that for the coming 3 year term, this Council NOT nominate any member for appointment as:
- Zone 4 Chairman
 - Zone 4 Representative on the National Council

If there is general agreement, I will respond to *Local Government New Zealand* and formally report the action for confirmation at the Council meeting on 8 November, together with other matters related to Wellington Regional Council involvement in *Local Government New Zealand* which require early consideration by this Council.

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Council Secretary