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Report to Environment Committee  
from Dr Jane Bradbury, Divisional Manager, Environment

## **Divisional Manager's Report**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress of the Environment Division and about any matters that have arisen since the Committee's last meeting.

### **2. Managers' Reports**

The Department Managers' Reports along with the Divisional Accountant's report follow as attachment 1.

### **3. Action on Water Quality in Dairy Regions**

Fonterra, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry for the Environment and Environment Waikato have agreed to produce jointly an Action Plan to minimise the impact of dairying on New Zealand's streams, lakes, rivers and wetlands. The Action Plan, which will be finalised before the end of the year, will build on existing industry and local government initiatives already underway throughout the country. The Plan will have clear objectives and measurable performance objectives.

This initiative is to be congratulated and it will certainly support the work that the Council is doing in this area.

### **4. KCDC presentation**

It was pleasing to be asked by KCDC's Environmental Management Committee to give a presentation on this Council's environmental work. The two Councils are working well together and there are many opportunities for joint initiatives and complementary work programmes.

## 5. Farewell and congratulations to Wayne Hastie

It is with a mixture of pleasure and sadness that the Environment Division says farewell to Wayne. We are very pleased about his promotion and the fact that he will not be far away; but we are sorry to lose such a valued resource management expert and manager.

I have worked with Wayne for many years (probably more than both of us care to remember). During that time I have come to respect his ability, his integrity, his humour, his high standards and his propensity for (nearly always) being right! His resource management expertise is recognised nationwide.

Wayne has been our informal legal advisor over the years. He would have made a formidable lawyer. We have always said that he could give qualified resource management lawyers a run for their money. Over the years, Wayne has carried out valuable resource management work. His achievements are too many to mention here. However, he has been instrumental in developing and finalising all our regional plans, as well as progressing our hazard and GIS work. In recent years, Wayne has taken over responsibility for our Iwi relationships and made incredible progress.

He has always been a mentor to us all. I have to confess that when I want a difficult job done – I have always asked Wayne!

We have battled over issues – sometimes Wayne has won; sometimes (well just a few times!) I have won. We have remained friends and colleagues. The success of the Environment Division can be very much attributed to Wayne.

We know that Wayne will make an excellent Council secretary. He has a knack for detail and process, but never loses sight of the big picture. I wish him all the best and hope that he always has a soft spot for the Environment Division when scheduling meetings and workshops!!

Losing Wayne will leave a big gap in the Division. I am glad he will only be upstairs!

## 6. Recommendation

*That the report be received if its contents noted.*

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Attachments