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Report to the Policy and Finance Committee
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Submission on the Local Government Bill

1. Purpose

For the Committee to recommend to Council the adoption of a submission to Parliament's Local Government and Environment Select Committee on the Local Government Bill.

2. Background

Submissions on the Local Government Bill are due by 22 February 2002. This time scale has made it very difficult to produce a fully comprehensive submission. However, it is believed that the attached document covers all the points that are most important for this Council.

3. Comment

Some of this Council's concerns are likely to be common to many authorities and to *Local Government New Zealand*. The aim here has therefore been to reinforce the general viewpoint. The Wellington Regional Council has also specific concerns that may not be of interest to other authorities. Therefore, extra detail has been presented in these instances – for example with respect to regional council bylaws.

One pair of alternates is provided in Clause 3.1 for Councillor determination.

4. Communication

No particular communication is required for this submission. (Indeed once the submission is made we are bound by the Standing Orders of the House not to further discuss our submission until it is made public by the Select Committee).

5. Recommendation

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

- i) it approves the attached submission (as amended) on the Local Government Bill (subject to editorial corrections, to be agreed by the Council Chairperson) with the deletion of Alternative 1/Alternative 2 in paragraph 4.1*
- (ii) That the Council Chairperson presents the submission to the Select Committee.*

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