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Committee Environment
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Regional Council Input to District Planning

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Greater Wellington Regional Council's input to the statutory resource management processes of territorial authorities in the western part of the Region.

2. Overview

2.1 Resource Consents

Fifteen notified resource consent applications were received since the last Committee report. GWRC made three submissions.

2.1.1 Carrus Corporation, Porirua City Council

GWRC made a submission on the application from Carrus Corporation for the stage one subdivision of the Aotea Block in Porirua. The GWRC submission supported parts of the application such as the consideration of bus routes, cycleways and walkways within the subdivision, and the proposal to use stormwater soakage ponds rather than discharging all stormwater from the development into Porirua Harbour. However, the submission requested that a more connected road layout be considered for a small part of the development.

A GWRC water supply easement crosses the subdivision site. While negotiations are underway for its relocation, our submission requested a specific consent condition guaranteeing maintenance of water supply, if negotiations have not been completed before the consent is granted.

2.1.2 J.D Barber, Porirua City Council

GWRC made a submission on an application from J Barber for earthworks and subdivision on Grey Street in Pukerua Bay. The submission requested that adequate sediment control be installed during earthworks and identified that resource consents from the GWRC were required (as the application stated that the need for GWRC consents had not been assessed).

However, during the 6 month delay between the applicant lodging the application and notification, the applicant had sought resource consents from GWRC. The submission therefore was withdrawn as the issues it originally raised had been satisfactorily dealt with.

2.1.3 Ngarara Partnerships, Kapiti Coast District Council

GWRC made a submission on an application from Ngarara Partnerships for a rural-residential subdivision on Ngarara Road near Waikanae. The site lies adjacent to the Nga Manu Reserve and contains a significant wetland habitat.

Our submission supported several sections of the application. In particular, the intention to covenant most of the wetland, require water tanks for water supply, and carry out water quality testing in the wetland. The main concerns we raised were the lack of detailed soil testing to prepare for the design of wastewater treatment systems, the need for vegetation clearance, and the location of and access to one of the lots.

A representative of GWRC attended the pre-hearing meeting and the hearing is set down for 21 March.

2.2 District Plans

2.2.1 Proposed Plan Changes 39-43 and 47-49, Kapiti Coast District Council

The Kapiti Coast District Council notified Proposed Plan Changes 39-43 and 47-49 on 16 December 2002. The Plan Changes do the following:

- Rezone new reserves as open space;
- Include new rules for temporary events;
- Include a new rule for temporary structures;
- Amend the definition of 'building';
- Change the rule relating to shelter belts in the residential zone;
- Include a new rule relating to second dwellings on a rural lot;
- Minor change to the rules relating to subdivision in the rural zone; and
- Change the separation distance for rights of way.

No submission was made on these Proposed Plan Changes.

2.2.2 Proposed Plan Change 14, Wellington City Council

Wellington City Council notified Proposed Plan Change 14 on 18 December 2002. The Proposed Plan Change deals with changes to the Utility rules and associated definitions. The principal objective of the Change is to encourage the undergrounding of new overhead lines. No submission was made.

2.2.3 Proposed Plan Change 15, Wellington City Council

Wellington City Council notified Proposed Plan Change 15 on 26 February 2003. The Proposed Plan Change amends the airport curfew exemption to provide both foreign and NZ heads of state and dignitaries exemption to the night flying curfew that currently exists. No submission is necessary.

3. Communication

The matters referred to in this report are part of an on-going statutory process, and these processes are the appropriate way of communicating the relevant information.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee

- 1. receive the report; and*
- 2. note the contents.*

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