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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 03.707**

27 November 2003

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**Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 27 November 2003 at 9.30am**

**Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.**

*Matters for Information of Council are in italic type*

**Present**

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Yardley and Mr Chapman

**Officers Present**

Messrs Cross, Darroch, Davy, Pryce, Sherriff, Skene and Waddy, Luci Ryan, Nicola Shorten and Dr Bradbury

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

E 250      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)*

*That the apology from Mr Rush and the apology for lateness from Mr Chapman be confirmed.*

E 251 **Public Participation**

**Mr Lines, Chairman, Lyall Bay Reef Charitable Trust – Remittance of Hearing Charges**

Mr Lines said he appreciated the opportunity to speak to the Committee and said he had read the report to be considered at today's meeting.

Mr Lines then commented on the cost estimates he had received from the Regional Council, a meeting with the Harbour Master to resolve concerns about the jet ski lane and the Trust's financial position as at 27 November 2003.

Mr Lines said the Reef will be a regional recreational amenity and concluded by asking that the consent processing charges be remitted.

A copy of a memorandum from Mr Lines and a statement of the Trust's financial position were circulated.

Following questions Councillor Buchanan invited Mr Lines to remain for Item 7 when the Trust's request will be considered.

E 252 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2003, Report 03.658, be confirmed.*

## **Harbour Matters**

### **Matter for Decision**

E 253 **Consideration of Submissions: Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws**

**Report 03.699**

File: J/01/02/01

A revised oral submissions schedule and one additional submission were circulated.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)*

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That oral submissions be heard.*
- (3) That all written submissions be considered.*
- (4) That any comments from officers on the submissions be noted.*
- (5) That any necessary changes to the proposed bylaws be identified.*
- (6) That officers be directed to prepare recommendations for the Council on any necessary changes to the proposed bylaws.*

## **Civil Defence Matters**

There were no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

## **Environmental Matters**

### **Matters for Decision**

E 254 **Mighty River Power – Objection to Consent Condition**

**Report 03.647**

File: WGN030283

*Resolved*

*(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)*

*That Council agrees to the substitution of the existing Condition 6 with the proposed amended wording discussed in this report.*

E 255 **2003 Annual Air Quality Monitoring Report for the Wellington Region**

**Report 03.674**

File: ENV/06/01/03

Members noted there will be future discussions on the strategic and operational responses to the new National Environmental Standards.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That policy options be assessed and other mechanisms that may be used to reduce emissions of air pollutants at source in order to ensure air quality in the Region meets with National Environmental Standards and safeguard the health of our communities.*

**E 256 Lyall Bay Reef Charitable Trust – Request to Remit Consent Processing Charges**

**Report 03.673**

File: WGN030228

*Resolved*

*(Cr Barr/Cr Turver)*

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the charge to the Lyall Bay Reef Charitable Trust be reduced by \$13,000.*
- (3) That it be noted that the decision is based on exceptional and unforeseen circumstances and should not be taken as a precedent.*

## **Matters for Information**

**E 257 Divisional Manager’s Report**

**Report 03.689**

File: E/06/18/03

### **Resource Policy**

Councillor Buchanan asked for a timetable for the review of the Regional Policy Statement.

### **Resource Investigations**

Members requested more information on groundwater levels at Kapiti Coast and noted this will be further discussed at the Water Allocation Workshop in December.

Mr Sherriff said he will see if it is possible to introduce colour codings on the computer generated plans showing groundwater levels.

## **Emergency Management**

Dr Bradbury said there will be a report on the Paekakariki flood event of 3 October 2003 and lessons learned for the next meeting.

*Resolved* (Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

## **E 258 Annual Environment Report Cards**

### **Report 03.682**

File: ENV/20/01/02

A folder of report cards was tabled and distributed.

*Resolved* (Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

(1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

(2) *That the Chairperson, Environment Committee, ask the Communications Manager to prepare a two-page spread based on the report cards for inclusion in all the suburban newspapers in the region.*

## **E 259 Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

### **Report 03.672**

File: ENV/01/08/04

*Resolved* (Cr Yardley/Mr Chapman)

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

## **E 260 Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning**

### **Report 03.683**

File: X/26/1/1

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

E 261 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 20 September to 31 October 2003**

**Report 03.671**

File: ENV/17/02/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Barr/Cr Shields)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

E 262 **RMLA Conference: 9-11 October 2003**

**Report 03.700**

File: ENV/08/01/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Yardley)*

*That the report be received.*

**Other Matters**

E 263 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 264 **General Business**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am and will reconvene to consider submissions on the Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws and to report to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

CR I BUCHANAN  
Chairperson

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council – 11 December 2003**

*To be moved:*

**That the Report of the adjourned Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 27 November 2003, Items E 250 to E 264 inclusive, be adopted.**