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Submission on New Zealand Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code

1. Purpose

To present a submission on the proposed New Zealand Port & Harbour Marine Safety Code (“the Code”) for consideration by the Committee.

2. Background

The Maritime Safety Authority (MSA) released the Code late last year and called for public comment by 31 March 2004. The Code sets out future arrangements for the management of marine risks within our ports and harbours. A detailed discussion of the background to the development of the Code was included in the Divisional Manager’s report **04.38** and the relevant excerpt from that report is included as **Attachment 1** to this report.

3. Comment

Because of timing issues, officers have made a submission to the Port & Harbour Safety System Project Team (**Attachment 2** to this report) to comply with the Project Team’s deadline for submissions. Committee members will note that the covering letter attached to the submission explains that it is a pro forma submission and still subject to consideration by the Committee and ratification by the Council.

Should the Council approve the submission, or approve the submission subject to amendments recommended by the Committee, then the Project Team will be advised accordingly. In the event that the Council decides not to make a submission, then the pro forma submission will be withdrawn.

4. Communication

The Project Team will be advised of the Council's decision, and of any amendments recommended by this Committee and approved by the Council.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. receive the report; and*
- 2. consider the pro forma submission on the proposed New Zealand Port & Harbour Marine Safety Code and associated documents (**Attachment 2**), which was submitted by officers to the Port & Harbour Safety Project Team on 29 March 2004, and make any necessary amendments; and*
- 3. recommend to the Council that it ratify the submission, incorporating any amendments from the Committee.*

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Attachment 1: Excerpt from Divisional Manager's report 04.38

Attachment 2: Pro forma submission to Port & Harbour Safety Project Team