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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 04.303**

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**Record of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on 1 and 3 June 2004, 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 Evans (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

**Officers Present**

Allard, Benham, Bradbury, Forlong, Hastie, Norrish, Schollum, Watson and Wright

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

**PF&SS/C 20 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**PF&SS/C 21 Public Participation**

No members of the public, aside from submitters, wished to participate in the meeting.

**PF&SS/C 22 Points to Note for the Meeting**

*Additional submission information*

Councillor Evans noted that all councillors had been given a copy of Angus Gibb's supplementary submission. This will be included with his original submission (number 37).

*Updated oral submission timetable*

Councillor Evans advised that there had been two changes to the original oral submission timetable:

- Evan Keay would now be speaking at 10:15am on Tuesday, 1 June 2004. Brian Colgate who was originally going to speak at this time had withdrawn both his written and oral submission.
- Michael Gibson would not be making an oral submission.

**PF&SS/C 23 What is the best means for handling officials' comments on submissions?**

Councillors discussed whether it was appropriate for managers' comments on submissions to be public documents. Officers noted that such information should be made public under the Local Government Official Information & Meeting Act 1987, unless there was good reason under the Act to withhold such information.

Councillors asked officers to look at the current process for handling managers' comments on submissions and compare it to what other local authorities do.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Shields)*

*That officers shall prepare a report on the best means of handling officials' comments on submissions and present this to the next Policy, Finance & Strategy Committee meeting.*

The motion was CARRIED on a show of hands, nine in favour and three opposed.

**Matters for Recommendation**

**PF&SS/C 24 Process for consideration of submissions on Greater Wellington's 2004/05 proposed annual plan**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Werry)*

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the oral submissions be heard.*
- (3) That all written submissions be considered, including any that have arrived late.*
- (4) That the comments from officers on the submissions be noted.*
- (5) That the Chief Executive, Barry Harris, be requested to further report on the implications of any proposals that the Subcommittee considers warrant further consideration at the meeting on 14 June, as well as any other matters that will impact on rate requirements.*
- (6) That formal responses be sent from Council Chairperson, Margaret Shields, to persons and organisations making submissions on the basis of managers' comments or as otherwise may be directed by the Subcommittee, following formal adoption of the 2004/05 annual plan.*

**PF&SS/C 25 Response to Consultation on the 2004/05 Proposed Annual Plan**

**Report 04.292**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)*

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

**PF&SS/C 26 Consideration of all submissions**

Councillors considered each written and oral submission in the order detailed below. As each submission was considered, councillors requested changes and additions to the responses that had been drafted by officers. They also flagged issues they wanted to discuss once all submissions had been considered.

**Written submissions** 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 10 were considered.

**Oral submission:**

Submission 11

Evan Keay

10:15am

Morning tea 10:30am – 10:45am

**Oral submission:**

Submission 5	Margaret Feringa, Ben Thorpe and Colin Skin	11:00am
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**Written submissions** 12 and 13 were considered.

**Oral submissions:**

Submission 28	Geoff Copps Go Wairarapa	11:15am
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Submission 36	David Butler and Peg Collett Wellington Labour Local Body Committee	11:30am
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Submission 39	Tony Randle	11:45am
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Submission 38	Anne Simpson	12:00noon
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Lunch 12:20pm – 1:00pm

**Written submissions** 17, 18 and 20 were considered.

**Oral submissions:**

Submission 44	Robert McLuskie and other concerned landowners on the Otaki River	1:15pm
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Submission 40	Phillip Lewin, Wellington Chamber of Commerce	1:30pm
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Submission 45	Frank Quirke	1:45pm
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Submission 15	Nancy Ward	2:00pm
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Submission 9	Keith McGavin and Henry Brittain Wellington Tramway Museum	2:15pm
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Submission 13	Mayor Milne and Andrew Guerin Kapiti Coast District Council	2:30pm
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Queenie Rikihana-Hyland  
Otaki Community Board

Afternoon tea 2:45pm – 3:00pm

**Oral submissions:**

Submission 24	Jenny Jorgensen	3:00pm
Submission 47	Michael Taylor Tararua Tramping Club	3:15pm
Submission 46	Michael Taylor	3:30pm

The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

The meeting reconvened on Thursday 3 June at 9:30am.

**Present**

Councillors Evans (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Kirton (arrived at 9:50am and left at 11:50am due to illness), Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas (left at midday), Turver and Werry

**Officers Present**

Allard, Bradbury, Forlong, Harris, Hastie, Norrish, Schollum and Watson

## **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

PF&SS/C 20 **Apologies**  
(continued)

There were no apologies.

PF&SS/C 26 **Consideration of all submissions**  
(continued)

**Oral submissions:**

Submission 19	Joe McLachlan	9:30am
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**Written submissions** 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 34, 37, 41, 42 and 43 were considered.

Councillors decided to invite Mobil Oil New Zealand to make a presentation on energy and roading matters in a different forum. In their submission (number 43), Mobil said their experience, expertise and analytical rigour meant they were well placed to contribute to discussions on energy trends and security of supply in

NewZealand. Councillors discussed that it was important to get all viewpoints on such issues, including those of petroleum companies.

Morning tea 10:45am – 11:00am

**Oral submission:**

Submission 48	John Lancashire	11:00am
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**Written submissions** 5, 9, 11, 15, 24, 28, 33, 36 and 38 were considered.

**Oral submissions:**

Submission 32	Mayor Brash, Deputy Mayor Kevin Watson, Roger Blakeley and Paul Swallow Porirua City Council	11:40am
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Submission 35	Nick Jennings Quartz Hill Reserve Charitable Trust	12 noon
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Submission 31	Gail Lewin and Andy Wilson Vector Limited	12:10pm
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Submission 6	Betty van Gaalen	12:25pm
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Lunch 12:40pm – 1:10pm

**Written submissions** 39, 40, 44, 45, 46, 47, 6, 19, 29, 31, 32, 35 and 48 were considered.

After hearing and considering all submissions, councillors identified the key issues to be discussed at the workshop on Friday. There were two types of issues for discussion – those that impact on the proposed budgets and those that would affect Council policy.

**Issues impacting on proposed budgets:**

- Funding for the Wairarapa irrigation project
- Works and services support for the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary
- Trainstop and platform at McKays Crossing
- Progressing flood protection works at Chrystall's Bend
- Review decision on river corridor zone and flood erosion area of the Otaki River
- Flood protection works for Joe McLachlan's property and the option of opening the mouth of Waikanae River
- Promotion of cycling strategy through Cycle Aware Wellington
- Queen Elizabeth Park Whareroa Stream restoration and planting
- Rating of utilities

**Issues affecting Council policy:**

- Level of investment into trolley buses
- Equity of transport rates across the region
- Appropriateness of transport rate as a targeted rate
- Form and content of the annual plan
- Communication of expenditure on passenger rail
- Urgent need for Stream Management Plans for Porirua Stream and Duck Creek
- Policy for vegetation around network utilities
- Motor homes in the Wellington Regional Strategy – tourism aspect
- Siting of wind farms
- Discussion with CentrePort regarding its Community Consultation Committee
- Total mobility/disabled access

Councillors will make decisions on issues affecting the annual plan at the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting on 14 June 2004.

The meeting closed at 1:55pm.