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Divisional Manager's report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about activities that promote the sustainable management of the region's natural and physical resources by overseeing the Council's regulatory responsibilities in relation to resource management and harbour navigation and safety.

2. Managers' reports

Managers' reports from the Environmental Policy, Environmental Monitoring and Investigations, Environmental Regulation and Harbours Departments follow as **Attachment 1**.

3. **Submission on the Ministry of Transport *Port and Harbour and Navigation and Safety Management* Discussion Document**

In late December of last year, we provided a submission to the Ministry of transport on their discussion document on *Port and Harbour and Navigation and Safety Management*. The discussion document proposed a number of options around the current system of port and harbour safety management, ranging from the status quo to centralisation of harbour control functions. The discussion document attracted a high degree of interest from all Regional Councils, and our submission can be found at **Attachment 2**. Due to the deadline for submissions being on 20 December, we were not able to seek council endorsement of the content, a fact that was highlighted to the Ministry of Transport. The content of our submission has a high degree of consistency with those from other Regional Councils, and we believe fairly reflects the current position of the Council in relation to our role as a harbour authority.

4. Staff

Richard Waddy, our Manager of the Environmental Support department, is leaving the Division to take up a similar role within the Water Supply, Parks and Forests Division. Richard has been with the Division for over 10 years and his skills, experience and sense of humour will be missed by us all. We of course wish him well in his new role, and will have the benefit of him still being with the Council to draw upon.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report; and*
- 2. Notes the contents.*

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Attachment 1: Department Managers' Reports

Attachment 2: Submission on MOT's Port and Harbour and Navigation and Safety Management discussion document