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Committee Regulatory Committee  
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## Hearing committee for proposed Plan Change 3 to the Regional Freshwater Plan

### 1. Purpose

To approve the appointment of a hearing committee to hear and make decisions on submissions on Proposed Plan Change 3 to the Regional Freshwater Plan (the plan change).

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Background

The proposed plan change limits the taking of additional water from the following water bodies in the Wairarapa because they are either fully-allocated or over-allocated:

- The Makoura Stream, Otukura Stream, Papawai Stream, Parkvale Stream/Booths Creek, Stonestead (Dock) Creek and Tauweru River/Makakaha Stream
- Parkvale, Martinborough Terraces, and Kahutara groundwater zones.

The plan change was publicly notified in May 2007 and public submissions closed on July 2007. A summary of submissions was then publicly notified and further submissions closed on October 2007. There are four submitters. No further submissions were received.

The task of the hearing committee is to hear submissions and make decisions on them. All submitters have the opportunity to be heard should they wish.

Staff have prepared reports that make recommendations on submissions. These reports will be sent to submitters once a hearing committee has been appointed. The hearing date will be set by the hearing committee.

#### **4. Hearing Committee appointment**

The appointment of hearing committees to make decisions on submissions on regional plans is delegated to the Regulatory Committee.

A hearing Committee comprising Cr Baber, Cr Buchanan and one other councillor (to be nominated) is recommended. Under the Local Government Act, a committee of Council must have three members on it.

#### **5. Communication**

The staff reports, as well as the hearing date, members of the hearing committee and other relevant information will be sent to submitters in a letter once the hearing committee is appointed. No other communication is necessary at this time.

#### **6. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

- 1. Approves the appointment of Cr Baber (Chairperson), Cr Buchanan, and one other councillor to be nominated, to hear and make decisions on submissions on proposed Plan Change 3 to the Regional Freshwater Plan.*

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