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## **Report on Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee meeting, 11 June 2014**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Council of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee (the Committee) meeting of 11 June 2014.

### **2. Reports**

#### **2.1 Quarterly review for the year ended 31 March 2014**

The Committee requested an update on the outcome of the hearing that took place at the High Court on 5 May 2014 to deal with Alan Jefferies' statement of claim for judicial review including damages and injunction. Greater Wellington Regional Council defended the claim, which related to two matters; the charges laid in the Criminal Court following the diversion of the Mangaroa River, and the setting of Greater Wellington Regional Council rates for flood protection activities and associated works expected. On 6 May the High Court issued its judgment, striking out all claims related to the actions against Greater Wellington Regional Council. The period for appeal of Justice Collins' decision has now passed.

The Committee discussed microbiological water quality contamination at South Beach, Plimmerton, which occurred between mid-January and mid-February 2014. The Taupo Stream, which discharges close to the site, has been identified as the main source of contamination. Porirua City Council has been undertaking water sampling within the Taupo Stream catchment and has narrowed down the source of contamination to an area below the Plimmerton Park and Ride. Further work is now being undertaken by Greater Wellington Regional Council and Porirua City Council to try and isolate the exact source of contamination. This can be a complex process when there is no physical discharge evident.

The Committee noted the extensive work undertaken across the Environment Management Department over the quarter.

### **3. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

#### **4. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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