

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 13th September 2011**

B.CHINN
CHAIRPERSON

M. MEEHAN
Planning and Environmental Manager
C. DALL
Consents and Compliance Manager

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2011 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.****PRESENT:**

B. Chinn (Chairman), R. Scarlett, T. Archer, D. Davidson, A. Robb, A. Birchfield, I. Cummings, T. Scott, F. Tumahai (arrived 10.32)

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), M. Meehan (Planning & Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Cummings) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 14 July 2011, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Chinn stated he has nothing to report this month.

5. REPORTS**5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP****5.1.1 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to his report. He stated that he attended a meeting at Grey District Council to discuss the Northern Breakwater development that they are planning in the Cobden Lagoon area. M. Meehan reported that the draft State of Environment Report has now been sent out to councillors. He advised that Jonny Horrox, Council's Resource Scientist, would hold a workshop for councillors following today's meeting.

M. Meehan reported that there have been six exceedences of the National Environmental Standard for PM₁₀ in Reefton so far this winter. M. Meehan he reported that he has had a look at the exceedence over the last five years. He reported that there were 23 exceedences in 2010, 16 in 2009, 17 in 2008, 24 in 2007 and 15 in 2006. He stated that this is very unpredictable and this year's figures seem quite low to date.

Moved (Archer / Davidson) *that this report is received.*

Carried

5.1.2 CIVIL DEFENCE & REGIONAL TRANSPORT REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report advising that Resilience Fund funding of \$24,500 has been received from the Ministry of Civil Defence to carry out a public education information baseline survey of West Coast residents to establish the preparedness of families on the West Coast in hazard situations.

C. Ingle reported that Total Mobility scheme use is slightly down on use compared to last year.

C. Ingle reported that Government recently passed the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding. C. Ingle advised that government's goal for transport is "*an effective, efficient, safe, secure, accessible and resilient transport system that supports the growth of our country's economy in order to deliver greater prosperity, security and opportunities for all New Zealanders.*" C. Ingle advised that for the Regional Council, this is something we have to have regard to when we are preparing the Land Transport Strategy, and the Regional Land Transport Programme. C. Ingle advised that this may affect how district councils get funding for local roads but this is yet to be confirmed as further information is awaited from NZTA. C. Ingle stated that this policy statement sets out the government's intention to optimise the use of the transport system for freight and other economic income generation activities. C. Ingle drew attention to the diagram on page 15 of the agenda, which shows how all the policy documents fit together and influence each other.

Cr Archer asked if there has been any response on the funding application submitted by this council. C. Ingle responded that N. Costley attended a meeting in Wellington where regional council representatives met with NZTA. C. Ingle advised that it was felt that NZTA had not fully realised the implications of what they were suggesting. C. Ingle suspects that there will still be a push with road safety to tighten this up. He thinks that NZTA will have a rethink about the overall F.A.R. rates and how they would be changed. C. Ingle advised that funding assistance is currently based on the size of the region's programme and if there are a lot of projects happening on the West Coast then we get more funding. Cr Archer stated that the funding cut was around \$50,000. C. Ingle confirmed this and stated that he would continue to advocate for the region.

Moved (Scarlett / Archer) *that this report be received.*

Carried

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to his report. He advised that there were an unusually large number of applications to change consent conditions during the reporting period. C. Dall reported that the hearing for the consent applications for Buller Coal Limited's proposed Escarpment Mine on the Stockton Plateau closed on the 5th of August and a decision is expected to be released by the end of August.

Cr Birchfield commented that there is another small power scheme going ahead in the Kawhaka Creek area. C. Dall responded that this is a very small scheme and technology has now improved for these small micro hydro schemes and they are now becoming more popular.

Moved (Archer / Davidson) *that the August 2011 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report advising that Compliance staff have completed the annual aerial flyover over much of the region. C. Dall advised that this is a valuable monitoring tool that allows for a large area to be covered fairly quickly and it a good way of identifying obvious and potential non-compliances. C. Dall stated that stand off pads and wintering pads are the main things being

looked at with staff following up on those that are potentially not meeting the relevant regional rules.

C. Dall reported that the whitebait season is fast approaching and monitoring of whitebait stands is underway. C. Dall advised that monitoring of gravel extraction sites is ongoing especially in the more popular locations. He stated that gravel extractors in the Taramakau River have been recently reminded of the requirements of their consent conditions.

C. Dall reported that five infringement notices were issued to a single farmer for ongoing offences relating to the unauthorised discharges of dairy effluent on his land.

C. Dall reported that staff are monitoring the road works on State Highway 6 which are causing concern to local residents in this area.

Moved (Scarlett / Davidson) *That the August 2011 report for the Compliance Group be received.*
Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 10.47 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 13 September 2011
Prepared by: Michael Meehan – Planning & Environmental Manager
Date: 1 September 2011

Subject: PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

PLANNING

Wetlands – Variation 1

The Hearing set down for 15 August 2011 was deferred until 17 August due to snow in Christchurch. Unfortunately there was insufficient time for the Court to hear evidence from all of the planning witnesses. The Court will resume on 10 October 2011 to hear evidence from the Forest and Bird planner. A decision will be released following this.

Ministers' decisions on West Coast marine reserves and mataitai reserves

The Ministers of Conservation and Fisheries have decided that four marine reserves and an educational reserve should be established on the West Coast. The West Coast Marine Protection Forum recommended several size and protection options for the five areas to the Ministers, and in most cases the Ministers have chosen one of the options put forward, or an amended option. Based on the Forum's selections, the proposed marine reserves would be located:

- Adjoining the Punakaiki area from Perpendicular Point to Mahers Swamp on the Barrytown flats, with two small Marine Protection Areas (MPA's) (Option A)
- Around the Heaphy River mouth from Wekakura Point to Crayfish Point (Option B)
- South of Okarito from Three Mile Beach to Waiho Beach (Option A minus the MPA adjoining Okarito Lagoon)
- Around the Ship Creek mouth, for a length of approximately 650 metres (excluding an overlapping area at the northern end of approximately 50 metres sought for mataitai reserve)
- From Longridge Point to Hackett River, with an adjoining MPA from the Gorge Islands to Awarua Point (the MPA is a different shape/size to the Forum's options).

The Forum also recommended protection for four other educational showcase sites at Siberia Bay (Cape Foulwind), Mahinapua Creek mouth, Hapuka Estuary, and Jackson Head, but the Ministers decided not to progress these at this stage. A copy of the Ministers' decision and maps showing the proposed marine reserves can be found at: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/marine-and-coastal/marine-protected-areas/other-protected-areas/proposed-west-coast-marine-protected-areas/>

The five areas must now go through a public submission process before they are finally confirmed.

Once the marine reserve areas are finalised, regulations for the marine reserves will be set by the Governor General, and may be similar in nature to the Water Conservation Orders in the Proposed Land and Water Plan.

There are several mining and exploration permits granted or being processed in the five proposed marine reserve areas. Under section 4 of the Marine Reserves Act a mining right may continue to be exercised to the extent that any marine reserve regulations allow. The Ministers' decision states that "none of the proposed MPA options will prohibit access to this industry outright".

The Minister of Fisheries has also agreed to the establishment of four mataitai reserves at:

- Okuru/Mussel Point (0.2sq km, extending 200m out from the Mean High Water Spring [MHWS] mark)
- Tauperikaka/Ship Creek (0.6sq km, 200m out from MHWS mark)
- Mahitahi/Bruce Bay (1.4sq km, extending 520 m out)
- Manakaiaua/Hunts Beach (0.7sq km, extending 300m out)

Te Runanga o Makaawhio sought additional mataitai reserves at Okarito Lagoon, Barn Bay, and Jackson Bay/Jackson Head, but these appear to not be progressed at this stage.

The mataitai reserves come into effect on 22 September 2011. A mataitai reserve generally prohibits commercial fishing, but recreational fishing can continue. Reserve status does not prevent access to the reserve or adjoining private land. Mataitai reserves provide for iwi customary fishing and management

practices, and the Runanga can recommend bylaws to the Minister to restrict or prohibit fishing if this becomes necessary.

Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Bill

The Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Bill was introduced to Parliament on 24 August. Fishing and shipping are already regulated, but beyond 12 nautical miles New Zealand has historically had no means to assess and regulate the environmental effects of other activities. Legislation will allow the classification of activities or effects as permitted, discretionary, or prohibited. For discretionary activities, operators will have to submit an impact assessment to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The activity cannot proceed without the EPA's approval.

The Bill will set up the general framework for the EEZ regulatory system, followed by a detailed set of rules and standards. A discussion document setting out the proposed content for these regulations is planned for release in 2012 for public comment. Some petroleum exploration is already permitted or due to start, so the Government has established voluntary measures to manage the risks in the interim, which foreshadow what will be required when the Bill comes into force.

Aquaculture Amendment Legislation

The Aquaculture Legislation Amendment Bill (No 3) passed its third reading in Parliament on 18 August. The Bill will come into effect on 1 October when changes will be made to several pieces of legislation relating to aquaculture, including the Resource Management Act 1991, to support aquaculture development within environmental limits. Council made a brief submission on the Bill in December 2010 supporting the removal of the requirement for aquaculture to take place only in AMA's identified in coastal plans, and our submission was accepted.

MFE Discussion Document on Environmental Monitoring

The Ministry for the Environment has released a discussion document on the government's intention to develop an Environmental Reporting Bill. The Government is committed to improving environmental reporting in New Zealand, to assist with good environmental and economic decision-making, and building a reliable picture of how we are managing our natural resources. New Zealand is one of the few OECD countries which does not require environmental reporting by law. The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's (PCE's) recent review of environmental reporting supports an Environmental Reporting Bill for New Zealand.

The discussion document identifies two main issues with environmental reporting: a lack of statutory requirement for regular, independent national state of the environment reporting, and inconsistent state of the environment reporting amongst regions. To address these issues, the proposed approach is:

- Give the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment an explicit role under the Environment Act 1986 by requiring five-yearly reports on the state of the national environment;
- Change section 360 of the RMA so that the Governor-General can make regulations requiring local authorities to monitor the same aspects of the environment according to prescribed methodologies and monitoring sites.

There will be some cost implications for local authorities adjusting their monitoring programme. The extent of these cost increases would be further clarified once the details of any proposed new regulations were worked through. The nationwide impacts of the Bill (including the PCE undertaking five-yearly reporting) are expected to be positive.

Submissions close on 18 October 2011.

Staff will further assess the document to see if we need to make a submission, and advise Council in due course.

FLOOD WARNING

Data Requests

2 Water Level/Flow.

Flood Warning

There were two small events triggering alarms on the Waiho River this month. Currently the alarm threshold is 6900mm which is 100mm above the normal alarm level, this is due to the gravel build up which is continuing to cause alarms after small amounts of rain i.e. 30/8/2011 only 42mm of rain fell in 12

hours with maximum intensities of 10mm per hour. With the increase in stopbanks and the raising of the bridge, WCRC will look at reviewing the alarm to cut down on false alarms. It is unlikely that the alarm can be increased much due to the gravel build and the increased potential for flooding.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Waiho Rv @ SHB	29/7/11 18:30	7299mm	29/7/11 13:00	6900mm
Waiho Rv @ SHB	30/8/11 13:15	7055mm	30/8/11 11:15	6900mm

REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY FOR WINTER 2011

There have been 6 exceedences of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 for PM₁₀ in Reefton so far this winter (see Figure 1).

An exceedence occurs when there has been an average of more than 50 micrograms/m³ of PM₁₀ recorded over a 24 hour period.

The highest 24hr average PM₁₀ during this period (May – August) was 68 micrograms/m³ on 30 June 2011.

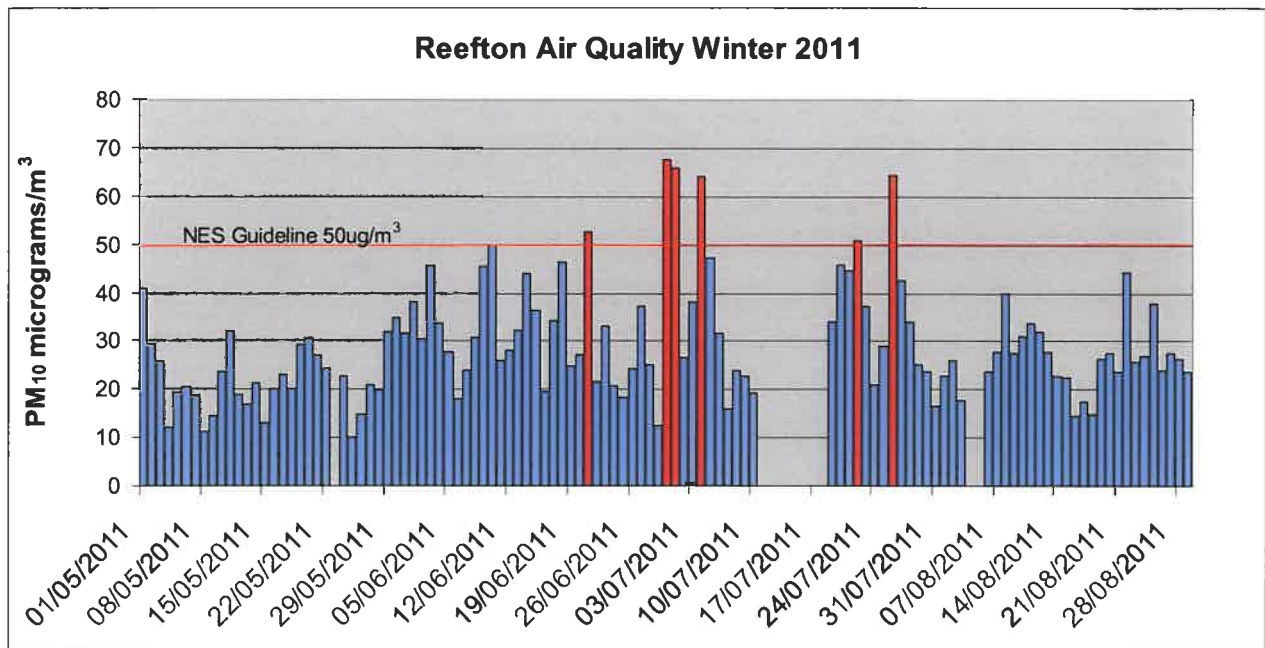


Figure 1. Graph showing daily average PM₁₀ for Reefton Winter 2011 with exceedences of the national guideline in red (NB: missing data due to machine failure).

The 2011 review of the Resource Management Regulations introduced split target compliance dates depending on the state of air quality in each airshed. As the Reefton airshed has consistently had more than ten exceedences a year (over the period used in the review – 2005 to 2009) the regulations state that there must be no more than three exceedences per year by September 2016 and one exceedence per year by September 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Michael Meehan

Planning & Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 13 September 2011
Prepared by: Michael Meehan & Chris Ingle
Date: 5 September 2011

Subject: Harris Creek and Orowaiti River Farm Plans Project

Background

In 2006, two Farm Planning projects commenced in the catchment areas of Harris Creek (Kowhitirangi) and Orowaiti River (near Westport). Their aim was to improve farm management practices and enhance water quality in the streams draining these farmed catchments. The projects were a joint initiative between West Coast Regional Council, Westland Milk Products, participating farmers and the NZ Landcare Trust. The projects costs were funded by a Sustainable Management Fund grant from the Minister for the Environment.

Each project involved farm consultant Jan Derks visiting each participating farm in the catchment and developing an environmental farm plan, in close consultation with the farmer. The farmer's involvement in this process was entirely voluntary, and the farmer also had the final say on the list of tasks in the farm plan.

The aim of farm plans was expressed in the introductory section of each Farm Plan as follows:

"The aim of this farm plan is to contribute to the maintenance or enhancement of water quality of Harris Creek/Orowaiti River and its catchment waterways, while allowing achievement of farming objectives. The Plan has been formulated as a simple and effective way to manage environmental issues and to achieve farming objectives, recognising the importance of incremental improvement. It is a starting point, recognising that environmental management is an ongoing process that may require adaptive management and continual improvement."

Participation was very good, with 70% participation among the Harris Creek farmers and 66% among the Orowaiti River farmers. The plans covered all farming activities and outlined tasks to complete for each year of the 3 year life of the Plan. Simple tasks were normally scheduled for the first year while more costly works (e.g stock crossings) were planned around the farm budget, usually for years 2 or 3. Priority was given to works that would result in the greatest benefit to the environment.

Evaluation of the Projects

Last year the Council, in partnership with Westland Milk Products, commissioned Jan Derks to follow up with the farmers who participated in the farm plans, to evaluate the effectiveness of the farm planning projects. Mr Derks' review of the implementation of the farm plans found that a high percentage of works in the farm plans were implemented:

- 82% of planned works were completed in the Orowaiti River catchment.
- 79% of planned works were completed in the Harris Creek catchment.

Of the work not completed the most common reasons given were:

- financial constraints, or
- work not seen as a high priority, or
- an alternative method was found to better address the issue.

Around half of the works not completed are still planned to be completed by the farmer, which could ultimately bring the work completed to 90% or higher.

The majority of farmers stated they would find it useful to have a follow up Farm Plan produced for their farm, identifying further improvements for them to work towards.

Water Quality Improvements

Council staff have also looked at the water quality results from the Orowaiti River and Harris Creek to determine if there have been any noticeable differences between water quality today, compared with 2006 when the farm planning process commenced.

Council's Resource Science staff have found significant improvements in water quality, in both Harris Creek and the Orowaiti River during this time period. We assume at least some of this water quality improvement is attributable to the work done by farmers under the guidance of these farm plans.

For Harris Creek, we found statistically significant improvement in water clarity, turbidity and total ammonia. Periphyton results are also better. For the Orowaiti River monitoring site at Excelsior road, which is downstream of two-thirds of the farms in the catchment, total ammonia has improved significantly, while water clarity also appears to be better. This coincides with the findings of an upstream/downstream difference analysis, which also showed significant improvements.

Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix 1 show in more detail the sampling results for the two rivers.

Has the Voluntary Farm Plans approach been successful?

The most critical measures of success for these two projects include:

- Degree of improvement in water quality attributable to Farm Plan implementation
 - Proportion of farmers participating in the farm plan process
 - Completion of works set in each Farm Plan
1. The high degree of water quality improvement is demonstrated above, with statistically significant enhancements of water clarity, turbidity and total ammonia in Harris Creek, and significantly improved total ammonia in the Orowaiti River. This improvement appears to be at least partially attributable to actions undertaken in implementing the farm plans.
 2. The level of voluntary engagement by farmers was also impressive, and their attitude toward improving their environment is to be commended. 70% of Harris Creek farmers participated and 66% of Orowaiti River farmers participated.
 3. The proportion of works completed by the participating farmers was also very high. 82% of planned works were completed in the Orowaiti River catchment and 79% of planned works were completed in the Harris Creek catchment.

The project has led to a much deeper level of understanding by participating farmers of the importance of healthy streams and the simple measures that farmers can take to protect stream life and enhance water quality. Participating farmers have shown enthusiasm for further similar work in partnership with Westland Milk Products and the Council.

The greatest gain from the projects is undoubtedly the marked improvement in water quality. However it is also remarkable that these gains were the result of voluntary actions by willing farmers prepared to spend their own money on improving our environment.

Where to from here...

Council now has an opportunity to build on the successes delivered in these two catchments. Westland Milk Products wish to continue working with us in this area.

We have discussed with Westland Milk Products the possibility of doing brief follow-up farm plans for the participating farmers in the Harris Creek and Orowaiti catchments, once their current plan tasks are completed.

Council has also discussed with Westland Milk Products the possibility of initiating new Farm Plan projects in a further 3 West Coast catchments, in order to work with farmers to improve water quality in other parts of our region.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That this report is received*
- 2. That Council notes the intended launch of 3 further catchment-based voluntary farm plan projects in conjunction with Westland Milk Products*

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

Appendix One: Water Quality Results

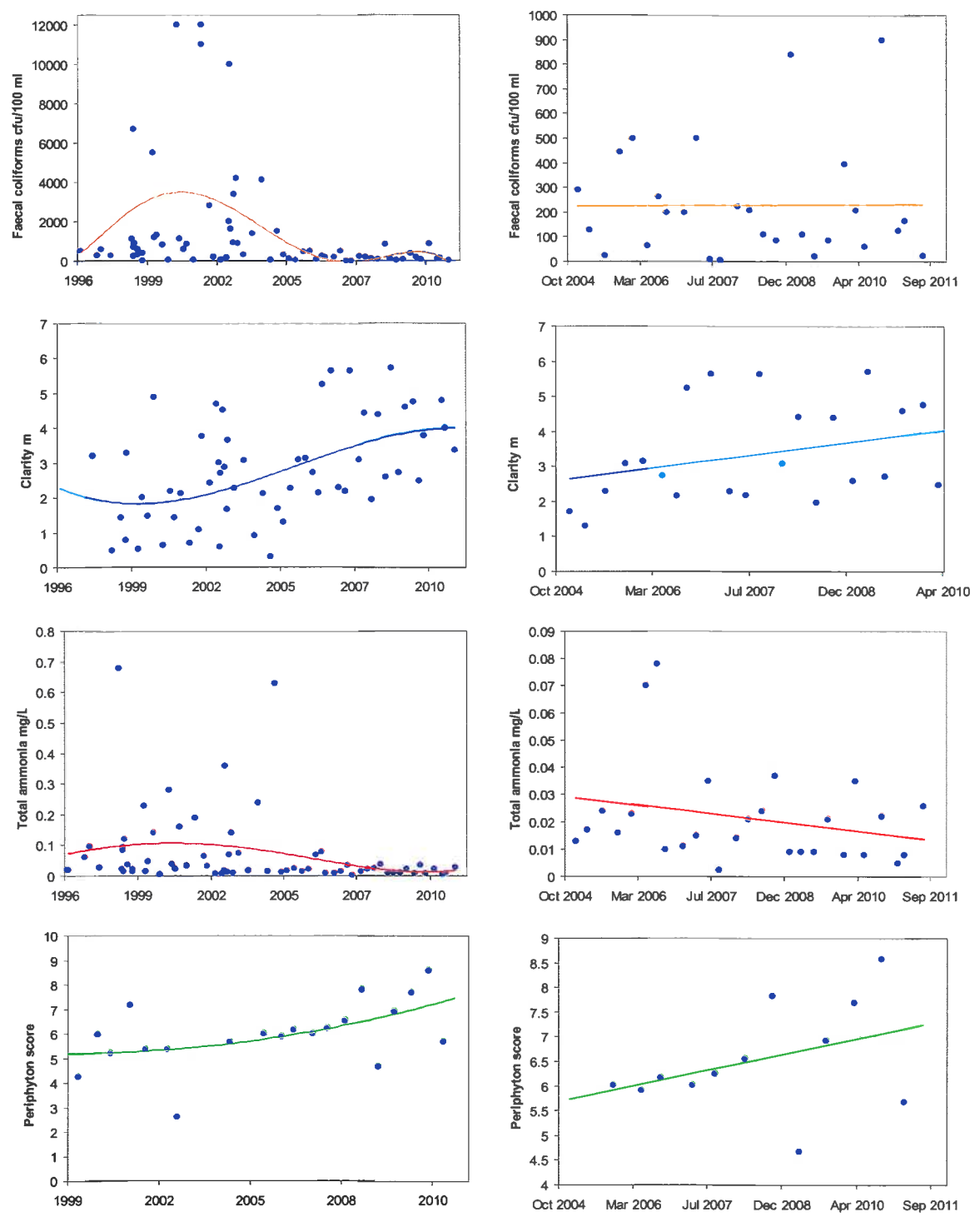


Figure 1: Harris Creek water quality monitoring data showing significant improvements in faecal coliforms, water clarity and total ammonia; plus improved periphyton enrichment scores.

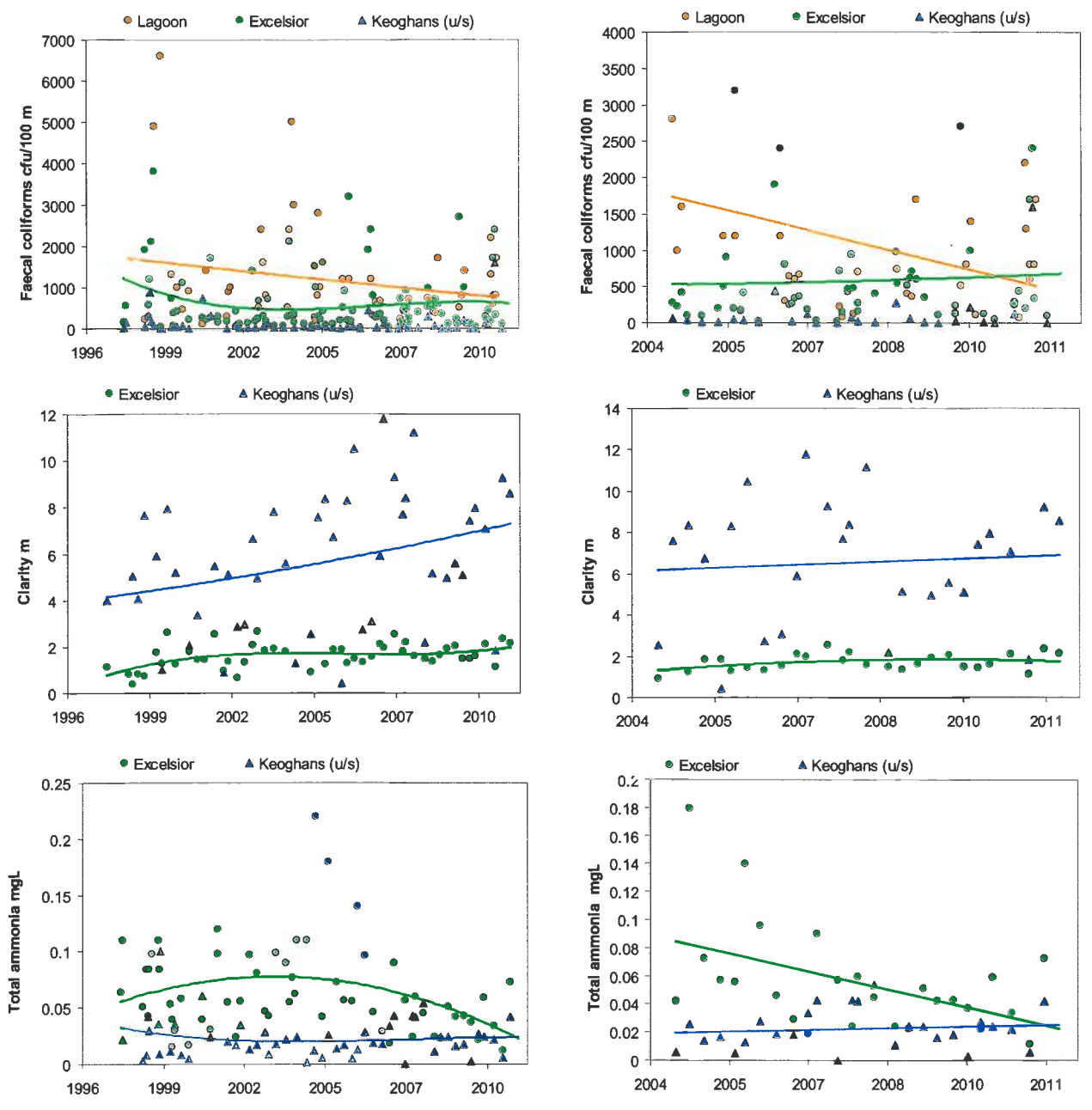


Figure 2: Orowaiti River water quality monitoring data showing a significant improvement in total ammonia.

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 13 September 2011
Prepared by: Katherine Glasgow, Planner
Date: 22 August 2011

Subject: **WAIVER OF TIME FOR LODGING FURTHER SUBMISSION
ON PROPOSED LAND AND WATER PLAN**

Purpose

To recommend that Council accept a late further submission (attached) from Mr Philip Paterson on the Proposed Land and Water Plan.

Background

Sections 37 and 37A of the Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991 allow Council to waive the time limit for lodging late service of documents, provided Council has taken into account;

- (a) the interests of any person who, in its opinion, may be directly affected by the extension or waiver; and*
- (b) the interests of the community in achieving adequate assessment of the effects of a proposal, policy statement, or plan; and*
- (c) its duty under section 21 to avoid unreasonable delay.*

Late further submission

Further submissions on the Proposed Land and Water Plan closed on 28 January 2011. A late further submission was received by Philip Patterson on 11 August 2011. The submitter contacted Council on 2 August 2011 expressing an interest in the further submissions process, as he had just become aware of it.

In terms of the RMA section 37A criteria, no party, including other submitters, is affected by accepting the late submission. Accepting the late submission will also not affect assessment of the effects of the Proposed Land and Water Plan. The late submission has not delayed the process, as staff are continuing to work through the recommending report.

The section 37A tests for waiving the timeframe for the late further submission are therefore met, and Council can accept the late submission.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council accept the late further submission from Philip Paterson on the Proposed Land and Water Plan.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environmental Manager

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P.O. Box 66
Greymouth.

Phil Pitman
Le Fontaine Road
Lair Harri 7884.
10/3/2011

Dear Sir
Could you please accept the late
submission for the West Coast Regional
Plan for discharge to land
I don't get the newspaper and do
not have email access and have
only just found out about the
submission process

Yours sincerely Phil Pitman

11 AUG 2011
POST OFFICE
GREYMOOUTH

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**FURTHER SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF OR OPPOSITION TO A
SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED REGIONAL LAND AND WATER PLAN**

**UNDER CLAUSE 8 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT
1991**

Please note that submissions are required to be received by the West Coast Regional Council no later than **5:00 pm, 28 January 2011**.

To: Chief Executive Officer
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11 AUG 2011

Further Submission On: Proposed Regional Land and Water Plan

Name: [Full Name] Philip Anthony Paterson

Address: [Full Postal Address] La Fontaine Road Hari Hari
South Westland 7884

1. I support or oppose the submission of: [State name and address of person making original submission and submission number of original submission, if available.]

..... Westland District Council
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2. The particular parts of the submission I support or oppose are: [Clearly indicate which parts of the original submission you support or oppose, together with any relevant provisions of the Proposed Regional Land and Water Plan.]

..... I support decision request 18.5.76 by
..... the Westland District Council to
..... make Westland District 1080 free
..... Decision sought Remove Rule 85.
..... make 1080 a prohibited activity.
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[Please turn over]

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3. The reasons for support or ~~opposition are~~. [State in summary the nature of your submission giving clear reasons].

I have had 3 aeral 1080 drops on my boundary within 300m of my dwelling which have had a adverse effect on my health. 1080 was dropped in the water supply of Hari Hari which is Harold creek with unknown effects on the residence of Hari Hari. My employment as a possum hunter has been made redundant.

4. I ~~do or do not wish to be heard in~~ support of my further submission [delete one].

5. If others make a similar submission I ~~would or would not~~ be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing [delete one].

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[Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission]


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[Date]

Title and Address for Service of person making submission: Philip Paterson La Fontaine Road Hari Hari 7884

Telephone No: 027 441 5032 Fax No:

Note:
A copy of your further submission must be served, within 5 working days after making the further submission to the local authority, on the person who made the original submission.

Privacy Act 1993: Please note that information on this form and the content of your submission will be made publicly available as part of the decision making process.

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 13 September 2011
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Regional Planner
 Subject: **Developing our Energy Potential**

Purpose

To update Council on the newly released *Developing our energy potential* document.

Background

The Government has released the document, *Developing our energy potential* on 30 August 2011. The document contains two strategies: the New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011 – 2021 and the New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy 2011 – 2016.

New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011 - 2021

The goal outlined in the New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011 – 2021 (the Strategy) "is for New Zealand to make the most of its abundant energy potential, for the benefit of all New Zealanders". This is to be achieved through the environmentally responsible development and efficient use of the country's diverse energy resources, so that:

- The economy grows, powered by secure, competitively-priced energy and increasing energy exports; and,
- The environment is recognised for its importance to the New Zealand way of life.

The Strategy focuses on four priorities to make the most of the energy potential of New Zealand. These are in no particular order:

- Diverse resource development;
- Environmental responsibility;
- Efficient use of energy; and,
- Secure and affordable energy.

One of the areas of focus under the 'diverse resource development' of relevance to Regional Councils is that Government has retained the target that 90 percent of electricity generation is to be from renewable sources by 2025. Renewable sources contributed 74 percent of electricity generation in 2010.

As this is a Strategy, it does not have a legislative implication for this Council. However, it will be considered during the review of the Regional Policy Statement. National Policy Statements under the Resource Management Act already require decision makers to recognise the national significance of electricity transmission and renewable electricity generation. The sustainable management of energy resources is also addressed by the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

A copy of the information sheet relating to the Strategy is attached to this report. A copy of the full Strategy will be provided to Council separately.

New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy 2011 - 2016

This is the third New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (NZECS). The NZECS is to contribute to the delivery of the Government's energy priorities set out in the New Zealand Energy Strategy.

The Government's energy efficiency target is for New Zealand to continue to achieve a rate of energy intensity improvement of 1.3 percent per annum. To achieve the target will require a close partnership between Government, firms, local government, not for profit organisations, and households to develop the right mix of new policies and programmes and implement these.

A copy of the information sheet relating to the NZCEES is attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
 Chief Executive

NEW ZEALAND ENERGY STRATEGY 2011-2021

- + The New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011-2021 sets out how the balanced development of our energy resources will best position New Zealand for a higher economic growth, lower-emissions future.
- + The goal is for New Zealand to make the most of its abundant energy potential through the environmentally responsible development and efficient use of the country's diverse energy resources.
- + New Zealand's significant and diverse energy potential is a source of competitive advantage for the country, particularly in a world where environmental constraints will continue to increase.
- + Developing a mix of energy options makes good economic and environmental sense and will help us transition to a prosperous and secure low-carbon future.
- + The mix of energy options will allow optimal investment in, and use of, renewable energy resources and non-renewable energy resources.
- + Well-managed energy development contributes to our broader economic development objectives.
- + The Government is focused on striking the balance between protecting the environment and economic development.
- + Renewables and energy efficiency are a big part of the strategy – by 2025 we are aiming to have 90 percent of our electricity generated from renewable resources. Last year we generated almost three-quarters of our electricity from renewable sources.
- + Energy efficiency measures help reduce costs, make houses more comfortable and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- + We are committed to best practice in environmental management for energy projects and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. By 2050, we aim to achieve a 50 percent reduction in our greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels. The New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme will help drive investment into technologies that produce fewer emissions.
- + Continuing world demand for oil and gas provides New Zealand with a major economic opportunity to expand oil and gas exports. Oil and gas has become an increasingly significant export industry for New Zealand (in the year to December 2010, crude oil was our fourth-largest merchandise export at \$2.1 billion) and has the potential to create additional skilled jobs, and earn substantial royalty and tax revenues.
- + It is vital that New Zealand has world-class environmental regulation for oil and gas exploration, production and transportation. The Government has introduced legislation to manage the environmental effects of activities in New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone and Extended Continental Shelf, and has announced interim measures to apply before the new law is passed.
- + The Government has announced the establishment of a specialist health and safety unit to deal with high hazard industries.
- + Increased economic activity associated with the energy sector provides a direct boost to the regions, while increased royalties help fund a first-class health and education system.
- + All New Zealanders have a role to play in New Zealand achieving its energy goals.

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NEW ZEALAND ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION STRATEGY

2011-2016

- + The New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy 2011-2016 (NZE ECS) is a companion to the Government's primary statement of energy policy set out in the New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011-2021.
- + Energy efficiency and conservation have an important role to play in economic growth and meeting our energy challenges.
- + Consumers and business are increasingly energy efficient. Energy efficiency measures help reduce costs, make houses more comfortable and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- + All New Zealanders benefit from using our resources more effectively.
- + The NZE ECS promotes practical actions that encourage consumers of energy to make wise decisions and choose efficient products.
- + The NZE ECS builds on achievements to date and focuses on five-year targets and objectives to provide consistency and certainty for investment.
- + The Government's energy efficiency target is for New Zealand to continue to achieve a rate of energy intensity improvement of 1.3 percent per annum.
- + The economy-wide target is shared between four key sectors: transport, homes, business and products. Significant energy savings are anticipated to come from improved energy efficiency in each sector.
- + The Government considers improving the efficiency and reliability of key freight corridors and the metro passenger networks to be a priority, as well as achieving better integration of regional freight movement across road, rail, sea and air.
- + Assisting businesses to improve their energy productivity is a high priority. Being energy efficient can save companies money, improve productivity and enhance competitiveness.
- + In early 2011, the Government set up the Green Growth Advisory Group. One of the Group's Terms of Reference is to consider options for our small and medium sized businesses to move to a lower carbon economy while sustaining the desired level of productivity growth. The Group's report is expected to influence any actions the Government takes in the business energy efficiency area.
- + The Government is committed to improving the energy performance of new and existing homes through the use of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. Insulation and clean home heating improvements support better health outcomes and home energy affordability.
- + The Government has committed more than \$340 million over four years to the Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart programme. This programme provides a subsidy to homeowners to install insulation and clean heating devices in their homes. Already the programme has resulted in over 100,000 homes having insulation or heating installed.
- + The economy-wide energy intensity target will be supported by economy-wide codes and standards for commercial and consumer electrical products and information programmes. Minimum Energy Performance Standards and related energy labelling will be used on selected products that use relatively large amounts of energy to help consumers choose efficient products.

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 13 September 2011
Prepared by: Nichola Costley, Regional Planner
Date: 1 September 2011
Subject: **CIVIL DEFENCE REPORT**

Top of the South CDEM Meeting

Representatives from the West Coast, Nelson/Tasman and Marlborough CDEM Groups met in Westport on 23 August 2011 for a Top of the South CDEM meeting. The meeting provided the opportunity to review the work that each Group is undertaking and to see what is working well in different areas.

The three Groups are investigating a collaborative application to the resilience fund which should improve the likelihood of funding being approved. The application is being coordinated by the Nelson/Tasman Group and more details on the proposal will be provided to Council once finalised.

Exercise Pacific Wave

Exercise Pacific Wave will be held on 10 November 2011 during business hours. Pacific Wave is an international exercise with a range of different scenarios being planned. For New Zealand, the exercise is based on a tsunami generated from a Vanuatu earthquake. Modeling from GNS is behind schedule, but confirmation has been received that the tsunami wave will seriously affect the West Coast of New Zealand during the exercise. The exercise will provide an opportunity for staff to use the newly released Emergency Management Information System.

Fuel Storage on the West Coast

At the 14 June Council meeting, Councilors requested that a letter be sent to the four main fuel companies requesting bulk storage provisions be made on the West Coast. A very informative response has been received from BP and is attached to this report. BP have commented on their contingency plans should the West Coast experience an event such as an Alpine Fault earthquake. They have indicated a willingness to work with both the national and local level emergency management response to help ensure a continuity of supply as well as identifying areas where assistance may be required from civil defence. The knowledge that BP have built up through experience in recent events and the consideration they have given in their comments for the West Coast are very positive.

Shell responded noting that they have sold their downstream business including all retail outlets and storage facilities in April 2010 to Greenstone Energy, recently renamed Z-Energy. As a result Shell no longer owns any service stations, fuel storage depots or the like and recommended that the enquiry be directed to Z-Energy. A letter has been sent to Z-Energy for their consideration of this matter.

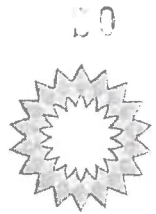
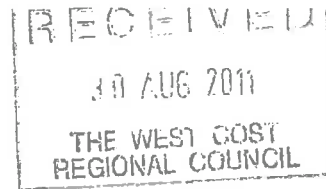
RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives this report.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

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25th August 2011

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive Officer
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Re: Fuel Storage on West Coast

Dear Chris,

In response to your report on fuel contingencies for the West Coast we would like to make the following comments.

BP response to a major disaster on the West Coast will be determined by:

1. Road access

BP has oil terminals at Lyttelton, Dunedin and Nelson. If safe road access is available from any of these locations BP will use these port terminals to supply the coast.

If road access is not available BP will not be able to transport fuel by road. In this event BP will liaise closely with Civil Defence to ensure that when road access is available that fuel tanker access is prioritised.

If any innovative transport methods are established for restoring fuel supply to the West Coast, such as barging fuel, BP will work with Civil Defence to determine whether this is a viable, safe and secure option.

2. Stock holdings at the time of the disaster

BP will supply Civil Defence with the most up to date information available on the volumes of fuel at sites that BP monitors fuel levels of. This includes BP branded service stations, truckstops and airfields. Once telecommunications are restored BP will be able to provide regular updates on stock levels.

3. Electricity supply

Fuel tanks, particularly underground tanks require electricity to pump fuel. In the event that grid power is not available BP will work with Civil Defence to prioritise the location of generators capable of restoring fuel supply. Whilst BP will endeavour to provide fitters and electricians to connect generators we may require Civil Defence assistance with prioritising the use of this resource.

4. Tank integrity

A severe earthquake could result in tank or pipeline rupture with consequent fuel loss or contaminants entering the tank. Prior to using any tank BP will endeavour to get fitters to the site to establish the tanks integrity. We will also ask site operators to check their tanks regularly by dipstick to see if there are any unusual stock imbalances.

5. Fuel Prioritisation

BP will agree with Civil Defence which fuel facilities will be prioritised for the use of emergency services and utility company's involved in the disaster response. This may range from a lane at a service station reserved for Civil Defence use to rationing as imposed by Civil Defence.

BP will provide Civil Defence with regular updates of fuel use and days stock holding as a guide for Civil Defence to determine if controls need to be imposed on fuel purchasing.

The work that WCELG has done to establish the availability of fuel per the May 2008 report should form the basis of Civil Defence planning in this regard.

With respect to BP providing fuel storage on a contingency basis, as requested by council, we advise that any fuel installation requires a commercially viable business case. This is not the case with fuel tanks installed for a one off random event. We also advise that because fuel has a shelf life long term storage of fuel can result in product quality problems when it is eventually used. We therefore advise that emergency fuel stocks are not a viable option.

BP recommends that utility companies and emergency responders have a supply agreement with a fuel company in order to prioritise their access to fuel. We also recommend that for those organisations for which fuel is a critical requirement that they maintain their own fuel supplies but that this stock is turned over on a regular basis.

On a final note we would like to advise that BP has built up a body of experience from responding to various fuel supply incidents and that the lessons we learn from every emergency are incorporated into our emergency response plans. We have also worked with Civil Defence at National and Regional levels and participated in Engineering Lifeline Groups. This has informed how BP plans for and responds to emergencies both at the corporate level and at the local level where our employees are a part of the community.

If we can be of further assistance please me, Keith Harrison, HSSE Adviser at the contact details below

Yours faithfully

Keith Harrison

Health Safety Security and Environment Adviser

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 13 September 2011
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley, Regional Planner
 Date: 1 September 2011
 Subject: **REGIONAL TRANSPORT REPORT**

Review of Funding Assistance Rates

In July, Council was advised of proposed changes to the financial assistance rate (FAR) provided by the NZ Transport Agency. A submission was prepared and sent to the NZ Transport Agency indicating the concern Council had regarding the proposed changes and the impact of such changes.

The NZ Transport Agency has now provided advice as to the changes that will be occurring. The primary change that will affect this Council is in regards to funding for the Community Road Safety Programme. The FAR is currently 75% for all approved organisations. This will decrease to the weighted average construction FAR for the Regional Council which is 69.47% for 2012/13, reducing again to 68.78% for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years. For the District Councils this will decrease from 75% to the construction FAR which varies between 68% to 71% depending on the Council. The 'Inkind' funding component has also been removed.

Currently Council only funds staff time for the Road Safety Programme which makes up the 25% local share and forms an Inkind donation. The 75% funding this attracts from NZ Transport Agency goes towards road safety activities in the region. This Inkind donation has been bolstered by other donations of time and services from Tai Poutini Polytechnic who provide the contract. The removal of the Inkind funding mechanism will result in a decrease of the programmes funding. These changes will take effect from the commencement of the next Regional Land Transport Programme in 2012/13.

The NZ Transport Agency have advised that the administration grant, 0.15% of the total cost of the transport programme on the West Coast will not be revoked at this time as originally proposed in the consultation document. This grant funds the development of the Regional Land Transport Strategy, Regional Land Transport Programme, Regional Transport Committee administration and other general transport duties. Instead, the NZ Transport Agency will be engaging in further discussions with Regional Councils about this.

The NZ Transport Agency is considering further review of the FARs in 2013. This would represent phase two of the FAR review and any changes resulting from that review will take effect in the 2015/16 – 2017/18 RLTP.

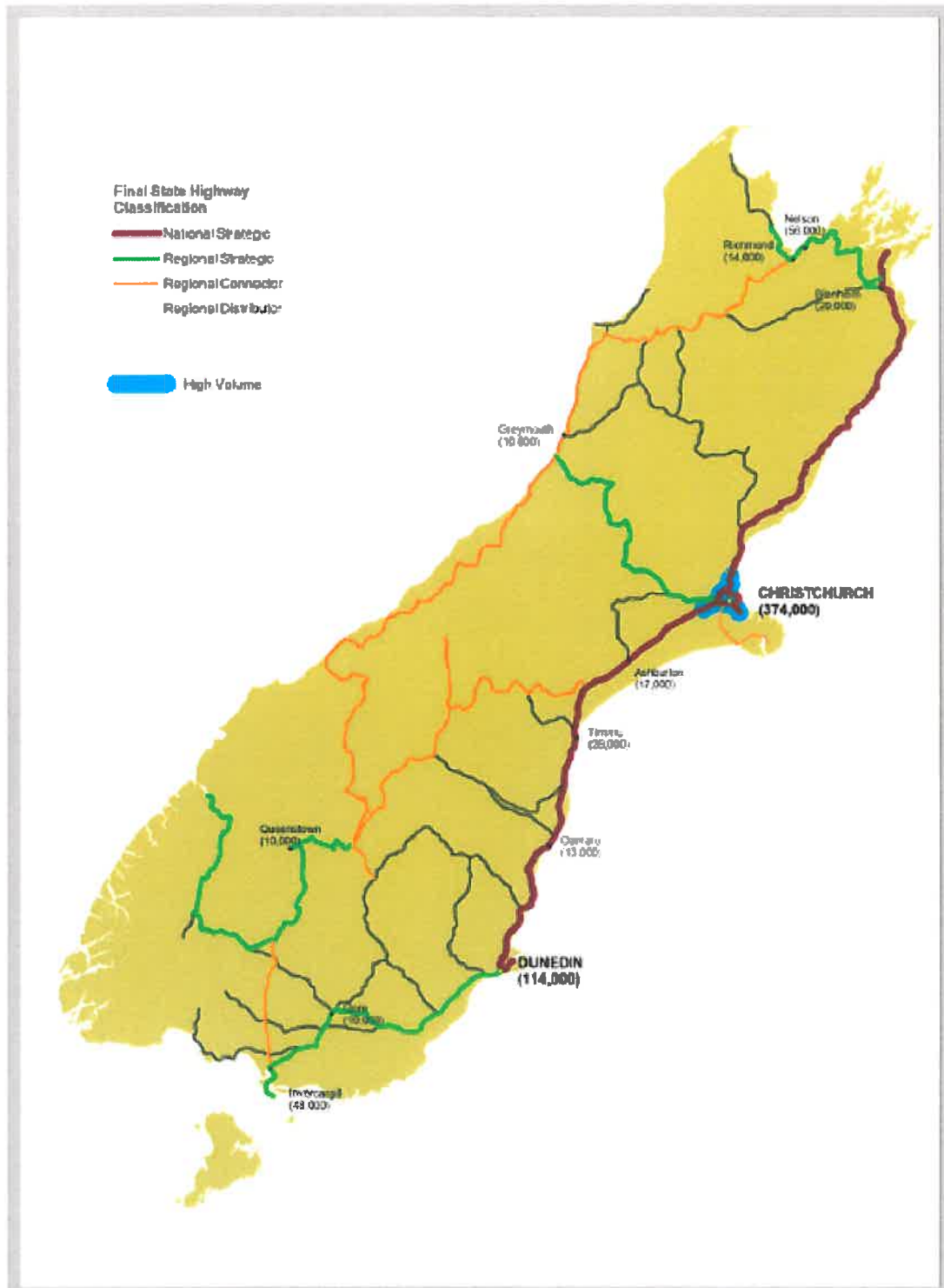
Regional Land Transport Programme Timeline Changes

The NZ Transport Agency has advised that the final adoption date for the Regional Land Transport Programme has been revised to 30 June 2012 as opposed to 30 April 2012. The adoption date for the National Land Transport Programme is now scheduled for late August. The timeframe will have implications for work scheduled to begin in the first few months of the 2012/13 financial year, however this occurred at the start of the last 3-year period with no particular issues. The deferral of the final submission date will allow for a more streamlined planning process with Councils able to consult on activities which will be included in the Regional Land Transport Programme in conjunction with their Long Term Plans.

State Highway Classification

The State Highway Classifications have been released. In February 2011, a submission was made in support of the classifications accorded to the State Highways on the West Coast, in particular State Highway 73. State Highway 73 has retained its recognition as a Regional

Strategic route, the second highest of the classifications. State Highway 6 has been classified as a Regional Connector (State Highway 6), with State Highways 7, 67 and 69 as Regional Distributors.



Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2012 - 2042

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee has notified the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2012 – 2042 (RLTS) for submissions. The draft RLTS provides the high level strategic direction for the Canterbury transport network for the next 30 years. While the draft RLTS focuses on the achievement of outcomes as opposed to specific projects, a submission has been made to reinforce the importance of completing the improvements for State Highway 73 – Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek, and to seek an earlier construction timeframe. Submissions close on Friday 23 September 2011. A draft submission has been prepared and a copy has been appended to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That Council adopts the submission on the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2012 - 2042.*
2. *That Council receives this report.*

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive



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Submission on the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy

The West Coast Regional Council appreciates (the Council) the opportunity to submit on the *Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy* (RLTS), and wish to thank Environment Canterbury for considering our submission.

We note that the draft RLTS does not provide reference to specific projects within the document. Our intent with this submission is to support the key outcomes which would lead to the timely upgrade of State Highway 73 – Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek.

Strategic direction (p.5) in the draft RLTS highlights the requirement to "finish what has been started". Council supports this. The construction of the Otira viaduct has led to a steady increase in traffic as this section of State Highway 73 has become safer and more reliable. However, the Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek section is narrow and winding and can create potential difficulties, particularly for larger vehicles, making travel unsafe and increasing the risk of accidents for both trucks and vehicles passing in the other direction, along with campervans, and the increased number of cyclists and walkers seen on this section of road. This is one of the last low standard sections of State Highway 73 needing to be upgraded. In light of this, the Council supports the concept of finishing what has been started on this network to provide a safe and efficient route between our two regions.

The Council supports the identification of State Highway 73 as a strategic transport network (p.20). Canterbury, as recognised in the draft RLTS, is a major distribution centre for the South Island. However, this can only occur through the development and maintenance of efficient transport networks linking to the suppliers and users in neighbouring regions.

The staging of State Highway investment in rural areas (p.29) places an emphasis on the roads of national significance (RoNS) for the short term (years 1-3) with the medium term focus (years 4-12) moving toward bridge replacement and localised improvements on rural parts of the State Highway network for safety and travel time reliability. While it is recognised that there is a requirement to see the RoNS completed with some urgency, Council is concerned that the timeframe for improvement work to be undertaken on State Highway 73 – Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek keeps being extended out.

The Canterbury Regional Land Transport Programme 2009 – 2012 (RLTP) identified this project as a nationally or regionally significant activity likely to be recommended for inclusion in the next RLTP, the next RLTP being 2012-15. The rationale, when Council sought that this project be brought forward to the 2009-12 RLTP, was that the timing of the design and designation project phases would enable construction to be completed at an appropriate time. As a result of the feedback received from Environment Canterbury in the past, Council seeks that the Short Term focus in the draft RLTS also includes "improvements on strategic rural parts of the State Highway network" to enable the programming of such work near the front end of the next Canterbury Regional Land Transport Programme. Council would support the timeframe for the construction phase of the upgrade of this

important link between our regions be moved forward either to the third year or at the latest to year four if the other priorities do not allow third year commencement of these works.

The Council acknowledges that the Canterbury region faces some major transport challenges as a result of the Christchurch earthquakes but also recognises that additional funding has been provided to assist with overcoming these hurdles. Due to the significance of State Highway 73 to the West Coast and the people, communities and economies of both regions, Council encourages that consideration of the benefits of wider strategic investment be undertaken.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours faithfully

Ross Scarlett
Chairman West Coast Regional Council

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 2 September 2011

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**CONSENTS**Consents Site Visits from 28 July – 31 August 2011

DATE	NAME, ACTIVITY & LOCATION	PURPOSE
4/8/11	RC11147 – Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd, Gravel extraction, Inangahua	To investigate the site to assess the availability of the gravel resource and gain a better understanding of the proposed gravel extraction operation.
4/8/11	RC11146 - D Hampton, Humping & hollowing, Marsden	To discuss a proposed land development (dairy conversion) with a Fish & Game and the applicant.
9/8/11	RC11149 & RC11150 – P Berry, Gravel extraction & water diversion, Atarau	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed creek diversion, and gravel extraction operation.
9/8/11	Whitebait Stands, Hokitika River	To mark the locations of whitebait stands.
10/8/11	Whitebait Stands, Taramakau River	To mark the locations of whitebait stands.
25/8/11	RC11168 – Avery Bros Ltd, Gravel extraction, Buller River at Tredinicks Point & Buller Bridge	To investigate the site to assess the availability of the gravel resources and gain a better understanding of the proposed gravel extraction operations.
30/8/11	Pubic Enquiry – A Green, Onsite sewage discharge, SH 7 at Dobson	To assess the proposed discharge field.
30/8/11	Application Pending, L Archer, Onsite wastewater discharge, Rutherglen Road	To investigate a proposed onsite sewage wastewater application and to discuss the potential for the proposed system and setback distances from the roadside swale drain.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 28 July – 31 August 2011

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC10214 Darrin Hampton	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining and associated activities at Gows Creek within MP41803. To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities at Gows Creek. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter Nelson Creek (Left Creek) and/or Gows Creek and their tributaries. To discharge water containing contaminants to Nelson Creek (Left Creek) and/or Gows Creek and their tributaries.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 28 July – 31 August 2011

RC11005 A Mirfin	To take and use surface water from the Little Grey River for the purpose of irrigation, Ikamatua.
RC11044 PF Olsen Ltd	To disturb land and vegetation on slopes in Erosion Prone Area One and Erosion Prone Area Two associated with the harvesting of trees, land preparation, roading, and the construction of log processing sites and hauler pads, Victoria Forest (Cartons Block). To discharge stormwater containing sediment to land where it may enter water from harvesting trees, land preparation, roading, and the construction of log processing sites and hauler pads, Victoria Forest (Cartons Block).
RC11067 Sewell Peak Farm Ltd	To discharge contaminants (demolition waste) to land, Taylorville.
RC11088 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	To undertake vegetation removal and earthworks on slopes greater than 12 degrees at "No. 2 South cutback", Stockton Coal Mine. To divert water containing contaminants (sediment, coal fines and pH) from "No. 2 South cutback" to the "No. 1 North Pond" for treatment, Stockton Coal Mine. To discharge potentially acid-forming overburden from "No. 2 South cutback" to land within Coal Mining Licence 37150, Stockton Coal Mine. To discharge contaminants (dust, vehicle emissions and other fugitive emissions) to air from "No. 2 South cutback", Stockton Coal Mine.
RC11098 Birchfield Ross Mining Ltd	To undertake earthworks for the purpose of constructing settling ponds associated with alluvial gold mining at Ross. To disturb the bed of Clear Creek associated with its diversion. To divert Clear Creek. To discharge sediment-laden water to groundwater (via seepage) and surface water (Clear Creek) associated with alluvial gold mining at Ross.
RC11099 Colligan Farm Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent from a stand off pad to land at Waimangaroa in circumstances where it may enter water (Waimangaroa River).
RC11125 Potae and van der Poel Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land where it may enter water (unnamed tributary of Potters Creek) near DS025, Franz Josef.
RC11128 SM Murray	To take and use surface water from the Waitahu River for the purpose of irrigation, Reefton.
RC11129 Moir Farms Maimai Ltd	To take and use surface water from the Little Grey River for the purpose of irrigation. Maimai.
RC11130 Gym Properties Ltd	To take and use surface water from Burkes Creek for the purpose of irrigation, Reefton.
RC11131 Gym Properties Ltd	To take and use surface water from the Waitahu River for the purpose of irrigation, Reefton.
RC11135 J & W Wafelbakker	To discharge dairy effluent to land where it may enter water near DS177, Waitaha.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 28 July – 31 August 2011

RC11143 Roa Mining Company Ltd	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance on slopes greater than 25 degrees associated with the "opportunistic" open cast mining of coal, Roa Mine.
RC11145 Dallas Rock	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining at Blackwater. To discharge sediment-laden water to land at Blackwater where it may enter water via seepage from settling ponds. To take and use water from the Blackwater River for alluvial gold mining at Blackwater.
RC11147 Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Inangahua River at Oceana Gold Bridge, Reefton for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC11148 MBD Contracting Ltd	To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area at Woodpecker Bay.
RC11149 PF & LE Berry	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River near Atarau, for the purpose of gravel extraction. To disturb the dry bed of the Big River, for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC11150 PF & LE Berry	To temporarily divert water from a channel in the Grey River near Atarau. To disturb the bed of the Grey River, for the purpose of temporarily diverting a channel on the Grey River near Atarau.
RC11151 Grey District Council	To disturb the bed of an unnamed tributary of Saltwater Creek within the coastal marine area for the purpose of constructing a culvert.
RC11152 RI Hamilton Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land where it may enter water (Lawyer/Johnston Creek) near DS231, Kowhitirangi (DS231).
RC11155 New Zealand Transport Agency	To place rock spurs on the bed of Bullock Creek. To place rock spurs, and increase the height of a stopbank, on the bed of the Waiho River. To permanently divert water from rock spurs, Bullock Creek. To permanently divert water from rock spurs, Waiho River.
RC11156 Stillwater Lumber Ltd	To discharge contaminants (products of combustion) to air from a wood chip fired boiler, Stillwater.
RC11157 CS Carlson	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land from a dwelling at 1213 Haupiri Road.
RC11159 Coast Dairies Ltd	To discharge treated dairy effluent to land and surface water (an unnamed tributary of the Hokitika River) near DS199, Woodstock.
RC11160 West Coast Regional Council	To disturb the bed of the Taramakau River associated with increasing the height of a hook groyne.
RC11161 West Coast Regional Council	To disturb the bed of the Waitangitaona River associated with the extension of a rock groyne. To disturb the dry bed of the Waitangitaona River for the purpose of extracting gravel. To divert flow of the Waitangitaona River.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 28 July – 31 August 2011

RC11162 Delany Holdings Ltd	To disturb the bed of Deadmans Creek associated with its diversion. To divert a section of Deadmans Creek.
RC11163 M & S Dredge	To take and use surface water from the Maruia River for the purpose of irrigation.
RC11164 Paul Steegh Contracting Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River at Kiwi Point for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC11165 John Boyes	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land from a dwelling at 32 Welshman's Road.
RC11167 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	To disturb the bed of Doherty Creek for the purposes of diversion. To divert Doherty Creek for the purposes of open cast coal mining.
RC11169 PF Olsen Ltd	To disturb land and vegetation on slopes in Erosion Prone Area One and Erosion Prone Area Two associated with the harvesting trees, roading, and the construction of log processing sites and hauler pads, Omoto Forest (Compartment 1). To discharge stormwater containing sediment to land where it may enter water from harvesting trees, roading, and the construction of log processing sites and hauler pads, Omoto Forest (Compartment 1).
RC11171 MBD Contracting Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River at Omoto for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC11172 Mark Lawn	To disturb the dry bed of the Wanganui River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC11173 Monteith's Brewing Company Ltd	To discharge contaminants (products of combustion) to air from a diesel fired boiler, Greymouth.
RC11175 Transpower New Zealand Ltd	To disturb the bed and banks of the Inangahua River for the purpose of relocating power poles.

Changes to Consent Conditions Granted from 28 July – 31 August 2011

CONSENT NO, HOLDER & LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CHANGE
RC05083 Animal Health Board Whataroa	To change the public notification requirements for 1080 operations.
RC06199 Department of Conservation Lake Moeraki	To increase the area of aerial 1080 discharge.
RC08058 Department of Conservation Okarito	To change the public notification requirements for 1080 operations.

Limited Notified and Notified Resource Consents Granted from 28 July – 31 August 2011

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER

RC10193
Buller Coal Ltd

PURPOSE OF CONSENT

To mine coal and associated land disturbance activities associated with the Escarpment Mine.

To place, maintain, extend, remove or demolish structures in, or under the bed of a water body; excavate, drill, tunnel or disturb the bed of a waterbody; deposit substances in or under the bed of a water body; reclaim or drain the bed of a water body associated with the Escarpment Mine.

To enter or pass across the bed of any waterbody; or damage, destroy, disturb, or remove any plant or the habitats of such plants or of animals in, on, under or over the bed of a waterbody associated with the Escarpment Mine.

To take, use, dam or divert water associated with the Escarpment Mine.

To discharge contaminants or water into water associated with the Escarpment Mine.

To discharge contaminants onto or into land in circumstances may result in that contaminant (or any other contaminant emanating as a result of natural processes from that contaminant) entering water associated with the Escarpment Mine.

To discharge contaminants onto or into land associated with the Escarpment Mine.

To discharge contaminants to air associated with the Escarpment Mine.

To undertake land disturbance and associated activities associated with Coal Processing and Transport.

To place, maintain, extend, remove or demolish structures in, or under the bed of a water body; excavate, drill, tunnel or disturb the bed of a waterbody; deposit substances in or under the bed of a water body; reclaim or drain the bed of a water body associated with Coal Processing and Transport.

To enter or pass across the bed of any waterbody; or damage, destroy, disturb, or remove any plant or the habitats of such plants or of animals in, on, under or over the bed of a waterbody associated with Coal Processing and Transport.

To take, use, dam or divert water associated with Coal Processing and Transport.

To discharge contaminants or water into water associated with Coal Processing and Transport.

To discharge contaminants onto or into land in circumstances may result in that contaminant (or any other contaminant emanating as a result of natural processes from that contaminant) entering water associated with Coal Processing and Transport.

To discharge contaminants onto or into land associated with Coal Processing and Transport.

To discharge contaminants to air associated with Coal Processing and Transport.

Notified Consents Updates & Other Matters

The Hearing Committee for the consent applications lodged by Buller Coal Limited for its proposed Escarpment Mine on the Denniston Plateau released its decision on the consent applications on time on 26 August 2011. All the consent applications were granted subject to a comprehensive set of conditions. The appeal period for the decision closes on 16 September 2011.

The Consents & Compliance Manager attended a Pre Hearing Conference on 26 August 2011 for the appeals on the consents granted for the Mokihinui River Hydro Power Scheme. The Council's must provide its evidence in chief by 4 November 2011 and the Court hearing is still scheduled to commence in July 2012.

Public Enquiries

50 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 33 (66%) were answered on the same day, 10 (20%) the following day, 5 (10%) no more than 10 working days later the remaining 2 (4%) more than 10 days later.

RECOMMENDATION

That the September 2011 report of the Consents Group be received.

Colin Dall

Consents & Compliance Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall – Consents & Compliance Manager & Phil McKinnel – Compliance Team Leader
 Date: 2 September 2011
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 63 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits	Fully Compliant (%)
Resource consent monitoring	29	62
Dairy shed inspections	15	47
Mining compliance & bond release	19	63

Included in these totals are 23 complaint related visits.

Specific Issues

Dairy Effluent Discharges: In late July and throughout August 2011 Compliance staff undertook inspections of standoff pads in the Karamea region as a follow up from the annual dairy flight. The majority of the standoff pads visited were in breach of the permitted activity rule due to their location near water bodies or coastal water. Enforcement action was undertaken where appropriate, which included formal warnings and infringement notices.

Compliance staff will be advising dairy farmers in the coming season about the requirements for stand-off pads and crop paddocks before heading into next winter.

Compliance staff will be commencing regular dairy farm inspections from September onwards.

Contaminated Stormwater Discharge to the Hokitika River: Recently compliance staff have received several complaints that a stormwater outfall into the Hokitika River has been discharging a white substance which has the same appearance as white paint. The stormwater drain is located off Sewell Street and the site has been visited several times this month. So far the source of the discharge has not been located, however, but the information received suggests that this discharge has been occurring over a long period.

Solid Energy New Zealand Limited/Stockton Alliance – Stockton Coal Mine: Compliance staff attended the regular Stockton Community Group Meeting in Granity during the last reporting period.

Solid Energy submitted the monthly monitoring reports with no compliance issues noted. The company also informed the Council that it had exceeded the site record for sediment pond cleaning in July 2011 with 30,712 m³ of sediment removed from sediment retention ponds during this period.

Whitebait Stands: With the Whitebait Season starting, Council staff received an increase in enquiries around stand location and how these stands are measured out.

Gold Mining: Compliance staff have responded to a number of complaints and visited a number of mine sites recently where reoccurring issues have been noticed. Settling pond maintenance and contaminated stormwater runoff continue to be the major issues facing gold miners. Compliance staff are working with gold miners to ensure that they are aware of their consent requirements and properly manage stormwater and minewater at their mining sites.

Complaints/Incidents between 29 July 2011 and 29 August 2011

The following 33 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Slink Skins/Bobby Calves	Complaint about smell from a slink skin operation.	Karamea	There were no odour issues at the time of the site inspection.
Gravel Extraction	Complaint about gravel extraction near the Cobden wave trap.	Cobden	The site was visited and there was evidence that a digger and truck had been onsite but the person responsible was not established.
Earthworks	Complaint from residents about the State Highway realignment works.	Limestone Creek, SH6	Site visited several times to ensure compliance with consent conditions.
Black Sand Mining	Complaint about black sand mining outside of the operators consent conditions.	Fairdown	Complaint was not substantiated, but enquiries are continuing.
Effluent Discharge	Complaint that a stock truck had emptied its effluent holding tank onto the side of the road.	Rotomanu	Site visit undertaken and person responsible received a formal warning.
Gravel Extraction	Complaint about a person extracting gravel from Deadman's Creek without resource consent.	Fairdown	Person was contacted and found to be complying with the permitted activity rule. No further action required.
Gold Mining	Complaint that unauthorised gold mining was being undertaken.	Blackwater	Site visit undertaken and person found to be extracting clay.
Flood Protection	Construction of an un-consented gravel floodwall.	Harihari	Site visited and work found to be minor. Landowner advised to obtain consent if it they intend to undertake any further work.
Discharge to water	Complaint that the New River was running dirty.	Marsden	The River was clean at the time of site inspection.
Vehicle Accident	Notification from Police regarding truck crash in the Buller Gorge. The truck was carrying eggs.	Buller Gorge	Spill contained. No further action required.
Gold Mining	Complaint that Hou Hou Creek was running dirty.	Blue Spur	Site visit undertaken and the gold miner given advice. Follow-up inspection to be arranged.
Coastal Works & Creek Diversion	Extraction from the beach to reconstruct a long gravel sea protection bund along the coastline and diversion of a creek outlet without consent.	Mokihinui	Site visited and landowner required to obtain resource consent for the work undertaken.
Coal Mining	Complaint that Garvey & McConnichie Creek running dirty.	Garvey Creek, Reefton	Site visited; Garvey Creek discoloured from discharges at Echo Mine. McConnichie Creek impacted by a slip.

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Dead Stock	Complaint advising that there was a dead cow on the shore at Lake Brunner.	Lake Brunner	No action taken as the area was inaccessible by road.
Coastal Outlet Opening	Complaint that someone has opened up the mouth of the Totara Lagoon (2 complaints received)	Ross	Site visited and enquiries carried out. Person responsible was not able to be identified.
Discharge to Water	Complaint that New River was discoloured from sediment.	Marsden	Site visit revealed that water was discoloured, but source was not found. Follow-up visit to be made to nearby gold mining operation.
Discharge to Water	Complaint that Hou Hou Creek is running dirty.	Hokitika	Site visit revealed that water was discoloured at the State Highway, but the source was not found.
Coastal Outlet Opening	Break Creek outlet opened in breach of the permitted activity rule.	Karamea	Site visited and the contractor instructed to comply with the conditions of the permitted activity rule or obtain resource consent.
Gold Mining	Complaint that Hou Hou Creek was running dirty.	Blue Spur	Site visit revealed that the sediment discharge from the mine site was in breach of compliance limits.
Stormwater	Complaint that recent works undertaken on a drain may cause flooding to a neighbouring property.	Paroa	Site visited – no further action required at this stage.
Gold Mining	Complaint of unauthorised gold mining sediment discharge	Ross	Incident found to be related to drain cleaning activities.
Discharge to Water	Complaint of a white discharge to the Hokitika River from a stormwater drain.	Hokitika	Site visited but the source of the discharge was not found.
Discharge to Air	Complaint that smell from effluent scraped off a farm race was offensive to neighbouring properties.	Reefton	No issues with smell at the time of the site inspection.
Gold Mining	Complaint that a person is undertaking unauthorised gold mining	Ross	Site visited. Gold mining operation covered under permitted activity rule for earthworks.
Creek Diversion	Complaint that a creek has been altered and has caused erosion on the neighbouring property.	Karoro	Site visited and further enquiries being made.
Gold Mining	Discharge of sediment to Carton Creek.	Reefton	Site visited. Operator was filling in a settling pond as part of rehabilitation and caused the discharge to the creek. Further enquiries being made.
Discharge to Land	Complaint that dead fish had been dumped on the Taramakau River bed.	Taramakau	Site visited and appropriate authorities contacted. No further action required.

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Stock Access to Water	Complaint received that cows on a dairy grazing and dry stock farm had full access to waterways.	Lake Brunner Catchment	Site visited several times. Dead stock left in drains and unfenced waterways. Further enquiries are being made.
Discharge to Water	Complaint received that Larry's Creek was discoloured with sediment.	Cronadun	Site visited but complaint was not substantiated
Discharge to Land	Complaint received that Cyanide poison has been laid on the Mt Buckland Track.	Charleston	Still under investigation.
Earthworks	Complaint regarding un-consented earthworks at Taylorville.	Taylorville	Still under investigation.
Discharge to Water	Complaint regarding white discharge into the Hokitika River from a stormwater drain.	Hokitika	Site visited but the source of the discharge was not found.

Formal Enforcement Action

The following four abatement notices and six infringement notices were issued during the reporting period.

Notice	Activity	Location
Abatement	Unauthorised discharge of contaminants (landfill leachate) to land where they may enter water.	Hokitika
Abatement (x 3)	Unauthorised discharge of contaminants (dead stock) to land where they may enter water.	Aratika
Infringement	Unauthorised discharge of animal effluent from a standoff pad to water.	Ahaura
Infringement (x 2)	Unauthorised discharge of animal effluent from a standoff pad to water.	Coal Creek
Infringement	Unauthorised discharge of animal effluent from standoff pad to land.	Karamea
Infringement	Unauthorised discharge of animal effluent from standoff pad to land.	Karamea
Infringement	Unauthorised discharge of sediment from a gold mining operation to land where it entered water.	Blue Spur

Seven Formal Warnings were also issued during the reporting period.

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following 7 work programmes during the last reporting period, 1 of which was approved within the 20-day timeframe (shown in *italics*). The other 6 work programmes were on track to be processed within 20-day timeframe or didn't contain the appropriate information, required a bond to be lodged or were waiting on resource consent to be granted.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
1/8/11	RC10239	B Ferguson	Waipuna
2/8/11	RC98024	Alluvial Mining (No. 2) Ltd	Woods Creek
3/8/11	RC02260	Blues Mining Ltd	Notown
5/8/11	RC11145	Dallas Rock	Blackwater
15/8/11	RC09047	AY Mining	Boatmans
25/8/11	RC01287	G J Cooper	Duffers Creek
29/8/11	RC05078	Dempster Ltd	Callaghan's Road

Bonds Received & Bond Releases

The following mining bond is recommended for release

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC04021	Daryl Oates	13 Mile Creek	\$5000

This bond can be released as the resource consent has changed hands and the new consent holder has provided the necessary replacement bond.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

No significant spills to report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the September 2011 report of the Compliance Group be received.
2. That the Council release the bond held by Daryl Oates for Resource Consent RC04021.

Colin Dall
Consents & Compliance Manager

COUNCIL MEETING

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the West Coast Regional Council will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 13TH September 2011** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2011,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 10.47 A.M.****PRESENT:**

R. Scarlett (Chairman), B. Chinn, A. Robb, T. Archer, D. Davidson, A. Birchfield, I. Cummings

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), M. Meehan (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Robb / Davidson) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 14 July 2011, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:**4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to his report advising that further works have been carried out in the Karamea and Redjacks rating districts.

M. Meehan reported that a survey questionnaire was sent out to ratepayers the Punakaiki River rating district proposal. He advised that of the 15 surveys sent out, 12 were returned. Seven of those were in favour of forming a rating district and five were not in favour. M. Meehan stated that council usually prefers a 70% response in favour and therefore it is recommended that Council does not proceed with the proposed rating district.

M. Meehan reported that tallies of rock available in council quarries as of 29 July are available but he is yet to add in a column showing the totals that council would like to see in the quarries, as work is still be done in this area. M. Meehan stated that he is hoping to have this additional information available for the next council meeting. M. Meehan advised that he has now visited most of council quarries and has noted that Kiwi Quarry in particular is very tight for room and it is unlikely that there will be room for a stockpile of rock on the floor in this quarry. He stated that Whataroa, Camelback and Inchbonnie have more space and therefore there will be room for emergency stockpiles of rock.

Cr Archer stated that he was pleased to see the summarised report on the Punakaiki rating district but he is aware that sometimes there is not a lot of engagement between ratepayers and he would like the recommendations amended to include *"that Council do not proceed with a rating district for the Punakaiki River but leave the proposal open for further consideration should there be more subsequent support"*. Cr Archer does not want to see the door closed on this as in the future there could be more support for the proposal. Cr Scarlett suggested adding the words "at this time" to the end of the

recommendation. Cr Robb feels that if those in favour were to talk to those that did not respond to the survey then the result could change. Cr Scarlett asked M. Meehan for his opinion on the amendment. M. Meehan responded that council should not push rating districts onto communities and it is up to the community what they want to do. Cr Davidson asked if council goes back to the group that made the initial application for a rating district to follow up on the decision made by council. M. Meehan responded that the original letter sent out by Council spelt out the level of support that is generally required by Council to proceed with a rating district. M. Meehan advised that once council makes a decision then the community would be informed of its decision. Cr Archer stated that it is up to the local communities to do their own lobbying in support of rating districts and to come back to council if they wish. M. Meehan advised that there is a similar situation occurring at the moment in Whataroa with renewed interest in the setting up of a new rating district that was previously proposed last year. C. Ingle advised that as a result of lobbying by a local ratepayer there are now 90% of ratepayers in favour at Whataroa. C. Ingle stated that the person that did the lobbying has no agenda, he does not own land in the proposed rating district. C. Ingle advised that there would be further follow up with these ratepayers to verify that they are aware of what they have agreed to. C. Ingle stated that there is urgent work required in the proposed Whataroa rating district and the community would need to be informed and consulted about this work before it begins so that they are aware of what these works will cost them. Cr Chinn stated that Mr Wayne Nolan did this lobbying in Whataroa. Mr Nolan is not involved with any land next to the Whataroa River, he is the Spokesperson for the Matanui and Waitangitaona rating districts and his farm is in the Waitangitaona rating district. The next step will be for M. Meehan to seek confirmation that they do in fact support this new rating district and he will then report back to the next council meeting. Cr Robb stated that by changing the wording slightly to the recommendation for the proposed Punakaiki rating district this will leave the option for the community to come back to the Council at a later date.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council does not proceed with a rating district for the Punakaiki River at this time.*

Carried

5.1 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that this is our final financial result for year, subject to audit. He reported that the net surplus was \$1.464M compared to the budgeted \$594,000. R. Mallinson advised that investment income was better than expected for the year but he stated due to world market volatility there could be some uncertainty over the coming months. R. Mallinson stated he feels council should have confidence in the diversified nature of its investment portfolio to weather these storms. R. Mallinson reported that auditors would be commencing the annual audit early next month. R. Mallinson advised that he is looking at investing a good part of the surplus with Westpac. Cr Scarlett stated that this is a very good financial result.

Moved (Archer / Robb) *that this report be received.*

Carried

5.2.1 12 MONTH REVIEW – 1 JULY 2010 - 30 JUNE 2011

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and offered to answer any questions. Cr Archer stated that this is an excellent report and congratulations should be extended to both management and staff on these performance results. C. Ingle advised that there is a small mistake in the governance performance targets and advised that all governance performance targets were achieved. He stated that the performance measure for compliance with statutory timeframes was in fact achieved and it should read that the 2011 / 12 Annual Plan was notified on the 12th of April and hearings were held on the 31st of May.

Moved (Davidson / Robb) *that this report be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 REVIEW OF DELEGATIONS

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that it is several years since the Delegations Manual has been reviewed. He advised that there are a few minor wording changes in Part 1, Part 2 involves the tidying up of some wording for the Resource Management Committee and Part 3 regarding financial delegation

needs a substantial review due to price increases. R. Mallinson advised that existing delegation levels are especially inadequate in the VCS Business Unit area where input costs are high with the costs of aerial work. R. Mallinson advised that this report illustrates the recommended delegation and the existing delegations. He stated that recommendations for tendering and quotations procedures have been included in the report. Cr Archer drew attention to page 32, clause 5(b) of the report and expressed concern that the sum could be an unlimited sum that can be written off of rate debtors by the Chief Executive. R. Mallinson advised that he cannot recall this provision ever being used and he is happy for it to be further limited by council. R. Mallinson stated that rate write offs are only ever done to correct errors or if a concession is made by council regarding penalties and if the debtor comes to council with a comprehensive repaying schedule. Cr Scarlett drew attention to page 44 relating to obtaining tenders and quotes for river protection works recommending the increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to obtain a verbal quote. Cr Scarlett asked if how many contractors would be phoned for a verbal quote or would just one contractor be contacted. R. Mallinson responded that commonsense from the council officer concerned would be applied with at least two contractors being contacted. Cr Scarlett stated that this could be open to abuse and only one contractor might be contacted. R. Mallinson stated that this would only occur if it was for emergency works. C. Ingle advised that staff are currently developing a Procurement Policy but this is not quite ready for council but will be brought to the next meeting. He advised that instructions on these matters would be included in this new policy. C. Ingle explained the tender process that is used and how tenders for emergency works repairs are arranged. M. Meehan advised that there are not very many contracts for river works that come in under \$10,000. Cr Scarlett stated that it is important that the best price is obtained and that three or four contractors are contacted to submit a price. Cr Robb advised that he has seen council tender documents over the last few years. He stated that it costs contractors time and money to go through the process of submitting tender documents and if the tender is for a small amount, he is concerned that contractors may not bother to submit a tender for a small amount. R. Mallinson suggested reverting back to the zero to \$5,000 band and then a \$5,000 to \$75,000 band for competitive quotes. Cr Birchfield stated that he feels \$5,000 is too low, by the time a contractor moves his equipment very little work could be done for \$5,000. Cr Scarlett stated his main concern is that council is fair to contractors. It was agreed that the status quo would be remain for the less than \$5,000 band. C. Ingle clarified that the second band does provide for the obtaining of competitive quotes and does not necessarily require a full tender process if at least three contractors are asked for a price. He stated if two of the contractors say no as they are too busy then there is still a third contractor available and the under \$75,000 option can be used as long as three contractors are contracted, or a tender process is taken. Cr Scarlett asked that if someone had a recommended delegation of \$10,000 could that staff member go to \$10,000 20 times per year. R. Mallinson stated this would not be allowed under the new Procurement Policy which will be coming to the September Council meeting as it will have caveat wording where staff cannot do this and disciplinary procedures would follow. C. Ingle stated that delegations must always be exercised within the actual budget for that activity area.

Cr Archer asked if there was any change to page 32, clause 5(b) of the report on a limit of the sum that could be written off of rate debtors by the Chief Executive. It was agreed that the Chief Executive is delegated to write off sums of rate debtors for sums greater than \$2,000 but not exceeding \$5,000.

Cr Birchfield asked for further clarification on Part 3 (c) 2, concerning the Resource Management Committee and prosecution decisions. C. Ingle clarified that prosecution decisions are carried out by full council and not the Resource Management Committee.

Moved (Robb / Archer) *that the above changes to the Delegations Manual be approved.*

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report advising that it is a brief report as he has been on annual leave and has been carrying out staff performance reviews. C. Ingle advised that he would be attending the Regional Chief Executive's Environmental Forum in Wellington tomorrow.

C. Ingle reported that a new regional council information website is now available. He advised that he would follow up on this tomorrow as he was told that this information portal was supposed to become available to the public from July.

Moved (Archer / Davidson) *that this report be received.*

Carried

6.1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – 11 OCTOBER MEETING

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Cr Archer has made two recommendations regarding his application for Leave of Absence for the October Council meeting. The first recommendation is asking Council to reschedule the October meeting until the 20th of October and the second recommendation is that Council grants Cr Archer leave for the October meeting. Cr Archer noted that it is only two weeks between the 20th of October and the November meeting which will make for a very short reporting period. C. Ingle advised that the schedule of annual meetings for the rating districts that Cr Archer attends has been adjusted to fit in with Cr Archer's leave. It was noted that bringing the October meeting forward does not affect any reporting for the council meeting. Cr Archer stated that he feels that the short reporting period is a little unfair on staff. Cr Birchfield suggested granting Cr Archer leave of absence for the October meeting and this was agreed by all present.

Moved (Davidson / Robb)

That Council grants Cr Archer a Leave of Absence from attending the 11 October 2011 Council meeting.
Carried

7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

Cr Scarlett reported that he has nothing to report this month. He did not attend any meetings and dealt with the usual constituency matters.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.28 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 13 September 2011
 Prepared by: W. Moen – Rivers Engineer and Paulette Birchfield – Engineering Officer
 Date: 6 September 2011

Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS

- Whataroa River – Proposed Rating District Inspection
- Franz Josef Rating District - Supervision
- Taramakau Rating District - Inspection
- Mokihinui Rating District Works Inspection
- Orowaiti River – I. Garvey - Inspection

WORKS COMPLETED & WORKS TENDERED FOR

Franz Josef Rating District – Emergency Works – July 2011 Contract R 2011 / 8

This work, involving the raising of the 2 northern stopbanks and associated rockwork was tendered out. The work involves placement of approximately 3,500m³ of compacted hardfill, 3,700 tonnes of rock, 800 tonnes of rubble and 950 m³ of top course material.

The successful tenderer was Westland Contractors Ltd with a price of \$137,824 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

Taramakau Rating District – Hook Groyne Raising – August 2011

This work, involving the placement of 9,300m³ of compacted hardfill and the replacement of a culvert has been tendered.

The successful tenderer was Henry Adams Contracting Ltd. at a price of \$45,603 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

Mokihinui Rating District – Maintenance Works – August 2011

This work, involving the reinstatement of the gravel seawall and the placing of 270 tonnes of rock, was completed by S.M. Lowe Contracting Ltd with a price of \$12,927 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

OTHER MATTERS

Work has been carried out on the proposed Whataroa Rating District, including a field inspection with local ratepayers to determine the level of initial work requirements. Council is assisting the community with design work around the area immediately downstream of the state highway bridge.

Survey questionnaire forms have been circulated to all potential rate payers, a report will be submitted to the October Council meeting.

QUARRIES

Rock is still in heavy demand in most quarries. Significant work has been undertaken in the Whataroa quarry as part of the Franz Josef Rating District work.

Quarry Work Permitted Since 20 July 2011

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Camelback	Henry Adams Contracting Ltd	100 T (rubble)	25-Jul-2011	27-Jul-2011

Approximate Rock in Quarry as at 31 August 2011

Quarry	Tonnage
Blackball	800
Camelback	4,000
Inchbonnie	5,000
Kiwi	300
Whataroa	2,000
Okuru	1,500

Target Rock Resource for Council Quarries 2011 (in tonnes)

The table below outlines the quantities of rock that staff believe will be adequate to satisfy the normal demand for rock for flood protection works. These stockpiles will be maintained at this level as far as practicable. The emergency stockpile column outlines what is required as an emergency stockpile in case of flood events requiring urgent rock. The emergency stockpile will not be used unless there is an emergency, and the Planning and Environment Manager authorizes it.

Quarry	Normal Stockpile	Emergency Stockpile	Comments
Kiwi	3,000	NA	Currently, this quarry has insufficient room on-site for a separate emergency stockpile
Blackball	2,500	3,000	The recent clean-out of Blackball has provided an area suitable for a separate stockpile. Its proximity to Kiwi means it can be used as a back-up.
Inchbonnie	5,000	5,000	A substantial area is available for a stockpile but the hazards in some areas of the quarry means it cannot be separated until over height faces are removed.
Camelback	4,000	3,000	An emergency stockpile has been started and should be in place in the next few months (depending on demand for rock)
Whataroa	4,000	3,000	Work on an emergency stockpile is due to start in September (depending on rock demand). A suitable area was created when the quarry was cleaned-out in July.
Okuru	2,000	2,000	This quarry has had little use the past few years. Up to 2000T could be available taking into account oversize rocks and pre-shot areas. Any further drill and blast will need pre-stripping.

Generally the emergency stockpiles are limited by space and safety, however staff are working to overcome these issues in the development of the quarries.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 5 September 2011
 Subject: **Corporate Services Managers Report**

1. Financial Report

As discussed at the August meeting, as per previous year practice there is no financial report for the one month to 31 July 2011, as my efforts have been focused on finalising the 2011 Annual Report.

2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 31 July 2011 Summary & Reconciliation	Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total	
Portfolio Value @ Start 01 July 2010	\$ 2,883,140	\$ 2,186,007	\$2,084,788	\$ 3,051,043	\$ 576,726	\$ 659,819	\$ 11,441,524	
Contributions	\$ -						\$ -	} -\$ 500,000
Withdrawals	-\$ 500,000			\$ -		\$ -	-\$ 500,000	
Realised Gains/(Losses)	-\$ 731		\$ 62,958	\$ -	\$ 3,796		\$ 66,023	} -\$ 181,171
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)	\$ 2,110	-\$ 6,191	-\$ 128,414	-\$ 148,074	-\$ 10,197	-\$ 26,672	-\$ 317,437	
Mgmt Fee				\$ -			\$ -	
Income	\$ 2,016	\$ 72	\$ 7,080	\$ 9,510	\$ 1,023	\$ 27,347	\$ 47,047	
Changes Accrued Interest	\$ 12,214	\$ 10,982					\$ 23,196	
Portfolio Value @ End Period 31 July 2010	\$ 2,398,750	\$ 2,190,870	\$2,026,412	\$ 2,912,479	\$ 571,348	\$ 660,494	\$ 10,760,354	
ytd return for 1 months	0.65%	0.22%	-2.80%	-4.54%	-0.93%	0.10%	-1.65%	

Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 July 2011	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range	
Cash	22%	25%	10% - 50%
Bonds	20%	25%	10% - 50%
Australasian Equities	19%	15%	0% - 20%
International Equities	27%	15%	0% - 20%
Property Equities	5%	5%	0% - 10%
Alternative Asset Classes	6%	15%	0% - 20%
	100%	100%	

3. General Comment

As per previous Council authorisation, \$500,000 was withdrawn from the Forsyth Barr Ltd portfolio during July to form the initial Regional Catastrophe Fund. This \$500,000 was placed in a "conservative" Westpac Portfolio on 3 September.

A separate deposit of \$1,000,000 has also been made into a Westpac "moderate" portfolio on 3 September. This was funded from the unbudgeted 2010/11 operating surplus.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
 Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
Date: 2 September 2011

Subject: Annual Report for Year to 30 June 2011

Attached is a copy of the unaudited 2011 Annual Report.

The team from Audit NZ commenced their final audit work on 5 September.

It is anticipated that the audited Annual Report will be adopted at the 11 October Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the unaudited 2011 Annual Report.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
Date: 2 September 2011

Subject: Draft Procurement Policy

Background

Adopting a Procurement Policy is considered best practice for public sector entities such as West Coast Regional Council.

Our Auditors, Audit New Zealand, have for a few years now been recommending that Council consider and adopt a suitable Procurement Policy.

The West Coast Regional Council purchases in excess of \$6 million in goods, works and services annually from external suppliers.

Council Procurement includes:

- Payments to contractors for River Protection works and Council Quarries works.
- Legal services, Consultants & Hearing commissioners
- Business unit procurement & laboratory services
- IT costs and telecommunications,
- Audit services, Valuation services and Insurance.
- Fuel & Electricity, travel & accommodation.
- Replacement plant & equipment and replacement vehicles

Draft Procurement Policy

Attached is a draft procurement policy, intended to ensure that procurement activities across the organisation are undertaken in a consistent manner.

As a publicly funded organisation Council must ensure that there is a clearly defined framework within which procurement activities can operate, and that the framework is transparent and auditable.

Council also has an obligation to ensure that it obtains best value for money for ratepayers, and that it is prudent in its financial operations.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the attached Procurement Policy

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

1. Objectives and Scope

1.1 Guiding Principles

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Council procurement activities:

- Achieve best value outcomes.
- Are conducted with probity and transparency with fair, open and effective competition.
- Demonstrate compliance with good practice for similar types of public entities.
- Are compliant with all relevant legislation, delegated authorities and other Council policies.
- To manage risks associated with procurement.

1.2 Objectives

To establish a professional procurement policy for the Council.

This policy sets out the principles governing all transactions that commit expenditure for the procurement of goods, services and works.

All procurement activity must adhere to the following objectives:

- Council will buy the right goods, services and works, of the right quality and quantity, at the right time from the most appropriate source.
- To achieve best value by adopting informed procurement practice.
- To ensure that procurement processes, procedures and documentation are not overly onerous for this small Council and its small to medium sized suppliers.
- To ensure procurement is undertaken with due consideration given to environmental and social aspects.

1.3 Compliance

- All procurement will be carried out in accordance with Council's approved processes, documentation and delegations.
- The procurement policy will align with other relevant Council policies.
- Council staff must not manipulate procurement processes in order to bring the value of the transaction within their financial delegation.
- Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action.

2. Responsibilities

2.1 Overall Responsibility.

The executive management team has overall responsibility for procurement activities within the Council.

Each Group is responsible for managing the operational aspects of contracts and services in their own areas.

2.2 Employee Responsibilities.

Council employees are required to ensure that:

- They have considered carefully whether a procurement activity is necessary.
- Requirements have been clearly defined and appropriate specifications are defined for the goods, services and works.
- Budget provision exists.
- Best value for money is achieved.
- The procurement conforms to the rules contained in the Council delegations policy.
- The procurement decision can be justified and is transparent and accountable.
- Where appropriate sustainability is included as important criteria, providing that neither cost nor availability prejudices service delivery.

2.3 Authorisation of Purchases

All purchases are subject to authorisation in accordance with the approved financial delegations set out in Council delegations policy.

- All goods, services and works are to be purchased within budgeted provisions and are within delegated authorities.
- Contractors are not authorised to make purchases or commit to spend on behalf of Council.

2.4 Records

Appropriate records of dealings with suppliers should be kept. This will include:

- Details of tender process and approval of tenders.
- Copies of agreements entered into with suppliers.
- Copies of purchase orders.

2.5 Staff Purchasing

Staff may purchase goods on the Council account only in accordance with the Staff Purchasing policy.

3. Contract & Tendering Requirements

3.1 Contract Types and Value Limits

Contract Type	Value Limits	Requirements
Purchase Order	Up to \$75,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under \$5,001 single verbal quote.• \$5,001 - \$75,000 at least two written quotes.
Formal Tender Process	> \$75,000	Advertised tender process using "tender box".

3.2 Purchase Orders

A purchase order must be raised for all goods and services at the time of purchase.

Purchase orders are not required for utilities (electricity, telecommunications etc.), Resource Consent processing consultants, Hearing Commissioners, Legal services, and other standing charges (e.g. audit services, banking services, insurance renewals etc.)

There will be separate engagement processes for some of these services procurements.

3.3 Specialist Services.

Refer section 7 of this policy with regard to procurement of specialist services such as:

- Resource consent processing consultants.
- Hearing Commissioners
- Legal advice
- Laboratory services
- Aerial photography
- Other specialise type services.

3.4 Form of Contract

All contractual relationships will be documented in writing.

The contractual terms of the standard purchase order will apply for purchases up to \$75,000 and where the goods or services are readily available.

The competitive tender procedure may be used for contracts < \$75,000 where it is believed advantageous to do so. For competitive tenders, the Council standard terms and conditions of contract will be used.

Where specialist consultant services are being procured, a standard Council "Short form agreement for consultant engagement" will be used. Contracts or conditions provided by suppliers will only be used in with the prior approval of the Chief Executive or Corporate Services Manager

3.5 Emergency Procurement

In an emergency Council may dispense with parts of the procurement policy in order to react quickly to unforeseen events.

Emergency events could involve the following scenarios:

- Council staff, property or equipment is being placed at immediate risk.
- Standards of health, welfare or safety having to be re-established without delay.
- Significant impairment of Council's service delivery if Council failed to respond promptly.
- A civil defence emergency has been declared.

3.6 Capital Expenditure

This Procurement Policy applies to capital expenditure as well as operating expenditure.

4. Council Credit Card Purchases

Purchases using credit cards held by approved Council staff must comply with the Council Credit Card Policy.

5. Choosing Suppliers

Council should not become too reliant on one supplier for particular types of goods or services, unless it has entered into a contractual relationship with the supplier or the supplier has been appointed the preferred supplier.

Council must ensure that there is an equal opportunity for all suppliers who meet stated criteria to participate in tenders.

6. Suppliers of Specialist Services

This can include:

- Resource consent processing consultants.
- Hearing Commissioners
- Legal advice
- Laboratory services
- Hydrology, specialist engineering and technical services.
- Aerial costs involved with VCS AHB contracts.
- Bait purchased by VCS for AHB contracts (toxic and non-toxic.)
- Travel & Accommodation

Usual procurement procedures may not apply to these specialised types of service. When these types of services are required, Council employees will select from a pre-approved pool of individuals / firms able to supply these types of services.

Resource Consent Hearing Commissioners and Processing Consultants:

Commissioners and Processing Consultants will be selected from pools of pre-approved eligible suppliers.

Legal Services:

Council will have preferred providers for various legal specialities, (e.g. Resource Management Act advice.), but is free to obtain advice from any law firm it wishes to, depending on the circumstances.

Hydrology, specialist engineering and technical services:

There is only a limited pool of providers of these specialised services.

Laboratory Services:

Service and reliability are the main factors influencing selection of service providers in this area.

Planning:

Where consultant services are required, a brief is sent to several interested parties and quotes are obtained.

Bulk Aerial Bait (Toxic & Non Toxic)

There is only one New Zealand supplier.

Aerial Services

The VCS Business Unit Manager has a pool of suitably qualified contractors from whom they obtain quotes from when submitting competitive tenders for contracts.

Travel & Accommodation

Council uses a specialist firm to obtain best deals in this area.

There is also a separate "Travel & Accommodation" staff policy document.

7. Conflicts of Interest

Council employees must declare any conflicts of interest with regard to a particular supplier, whether real or potential, in writing to their Group Manager.

Where such a conflict is declared, that employee should have no further involvement in any further processes with the supplier.

Information belonging to Council and its existing or potential suppliers is confidential. It must not be used or shared with any person or organisation for personal or commercial gain by employees or suppliers.

Gifts or hospitality should not be accepted during selection or renewal procedures for a supplier. In any event gifts or hospitality should always be declared to the relevant Manager or the Chief Executive in accordance with Council External Gifts and Hospitality Policy.

8. Health & Safety Requirements

Health & safety Issues must be considered for all procurement transactions.

Council employees should:

- Consider any hazards associated with the procurement.
- Identify any training needs and additional items such as personal protective equipment that may be required.
- Ensure contractors follow Council's health and safety procedures when operating in our workplace.

9. Templates

Employees should use standard Council contract templates. These include:

- Standard form of Tender.
- Standard Contract Terms and Conditions.
- Short Form Agreement for Consultant Engagement.
- Evaluation Form and Guidelines

10. Related Policies

- Delegations.
- External Gifts & Hospitality
- Anti-fraud Policy
- Staff Purchasing Policy

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 13 September 2011
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 5 September 2011
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

The key meetings I have attended since my last report include:

- The Chief Executive's Environmental Forum in Wellington on 10 August.
- The Environment Court hearing of planning evidence for the Wetlands appeal on 17 and 18 August in Christchurch.
- Met with the Conservator and senior management of Conservation Department on 29 August to discuss various matters.
- Met Matthew Hall of Animal Health Board on 31 August regarding funding.
- Visited Westland Milk Products for our "Working Together" meeting on 31 August.
- Attended the LGNZ Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington on 1 and 2 September, with the Council Chairman.
- Meeting with Solid Energy Ltd to discuss bonding matters on 9 September.
- Attending with the Chairman the quarterly forum with the three West Coast Mayors and their CEO's on 12 September.

Animal Health Board Annual Report

Please find attached the AHB's progress report on vector control operations for the 2010/11 year. I note that TB infected herd numbers have fallen again which is pleasing to see.

Animal Health Board funding request

As signalled at the Annual Plan Hearings in June, the Animal Health Board have now requested additional funding for further TB possum control work. The request is for \$82,000 from the Council which will result in a further \$1M of West Coast ground control work.

After the Annual Plan hearings Council wrote to AHB stating "In terms of your request for additional support for the AHB West Coast Programme, should other regions not contribute their full amount, the Council views this opportunity positively. Should we be in a financial position to assist we will consider a contribution."

It is recommended that Council agree to fund the \$82,000 requested and that this be funded from retained earnings from the 2010/11 financial year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council agree to fund the \$82,000 requested by AHB, from retained earnings from the 2010/11 financial year.*

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive



West Coast Regional Council Annual Report - January to June 2011

To: Chris Ingle, Chief Executive, West Coast Regional Council
From: Paul Brady, Programme Manager, West Coast Tasman
Date: 26 August 2011

Introduction

The Animal Health Board's team based in Greymouth and Christchurch is working towards further reductions in infected herd numbers. Aerial TB control will remain an essential component of the overall programme for the region. Strategic and integrated application of ground control and aerial control activities will continue to reduce the risk wild animal-related disease poses to West Coast farms. Disease control activities will continue to identify and maximise the removal of infected livestock from the region's herds.

2010/11 Vector Control Programme

Overall objectives for Vector Control Programme on the West Coast

Prevent expansion of the TB Vector Risk Area (VRA)

- Maintenance of the southern (VRA) buffer continues. The Waitangitaona aerial will fill a gap in the extensive southern buffer. This significant aerial will reduce the possum population south of Whataroa. TB has historically been found in possums and deer in this area. It is important that possum numbers are kept low to prevent movement of infection between possums and cattle. This work is complementary with the Department of Conservation activities, providing protection for the kiwi and heron sanctuaries.
- Maruia and Springs Junction control work strengthens the buffer between the West Coast and Tasman.

Reduce the number of TB infected herds

- Throughout the TB Vector Risk Area, prevention of herd infection is the prime focus. Ground control is centred on and around farms and is supported by extensive aerial operations to prevent possums immediately reinvading these areas. The number of infected herds continues to decline.

Key Objectives for 2010/11 were achieved by incorporating the following aspects:

- Maintaining a high level of auditing ensuring that contractors carry out their contractual specifications.
- Adding to contract requirements for contractors to recover carcasses for post mortem.
- Progressing with the intensive delivery of aerial operations, supported by ground control work.
- Use of trend monitoring and concurrent surveys as planned to direct and refine future control efforts.

The following table details the budget for the 2010/11 control programme.

	Possum Control (Ha)	Performance Monitors (Ha)	Possum Surveys (Ha)	Trend Monitors (Ha)	Ad Hoc Survey (Ha)	Value (\$)
Arahura	47,568	41,898	0	10,469	0	714,439

	Possum Control (Ha)	Performance Monitors (Ha)	Possum Surveys (Ha)	Trend Monitors (Ha)	Ad Hoc Survey (Ha)	Value (\$)
Grey	269,138	152,881	0	123,686	10,000	3,961,664
Kahurangi	17,594	17,594	1,342	0	0	407,963
South Westland	126,907	24,506	0	0	0	3,140,294
Totals	461,207	236,879	1,342	135,729	10,000	\$8,224,360

Activities completed as at 30 June 2011

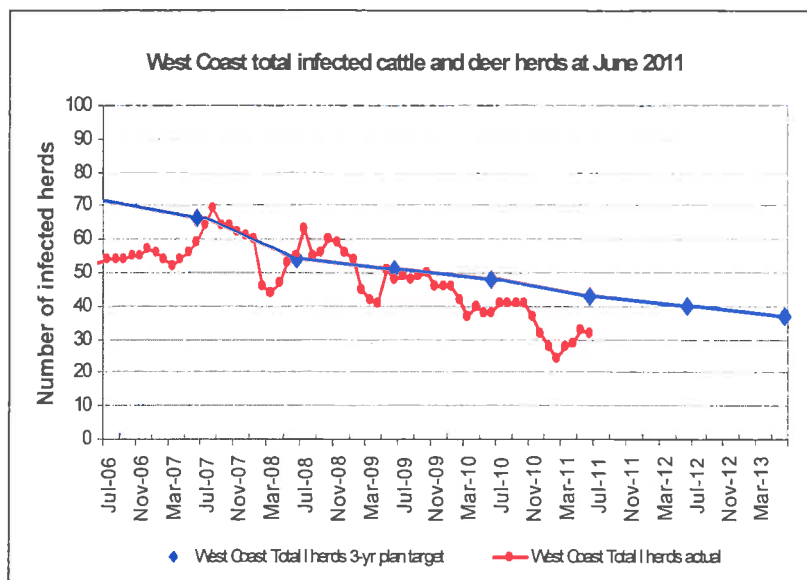
	Possum Control (Ha)	Performance Monitors (Ha)	Possum Surveys (Ha)	Trend Monitors (Ha)	Ad Hoc Survey (Ha)	Value (\$)
Arahura	47,568	41,898	0	5,669	0	705,879
Grey	269,138	147,679	0	101,827	10,000	3,923,984
Kahurangi	17,594	14,772	1,342	0	0	407,963
South Westland	126,907	24,506	0	0	0	3,140,294
Totals	461,207	228,855	1,342	107,496	10,000	\$8,178,120

Vector Operations summary

- At year end, 99% of the West Coast programme was completed and fully paid against budget.
- Quality standards were maintained throughout the programme. Re-works were required but at the contractors' expense.

Infected Herd Numbers

As at 30 June 2011, the West Coast region had 32 infected herds, which is the lowest level achieved in over 35 years (infected herd numbers fluctuate throughout the year and there is a repeatable pattern. The lowest herd numbers generally are seen during February and March). This low number of herds is a significant improvement compared to 41 infected herds at the same time last year. The graph below illustrates this trend.



Infected Herd Management

Infected herds on the West Coast continued to be managed as part of our integrated approach to control of bovine tuberculosis. The clear majority of herds sit at an infected status for less than one year. Parallel blood testing continues to be used to identify infected animals that do not respond to the skin test.

There are still some significant areas on the West Coast where wildlife presents a TB risk to livestock. Infected herds in these areas remain under the management of the scheme and every effort is made to minimise risk of spread of the disease.

Regional Communication

The main focus of the communication over the last 12 months has been:

- Reminding farmers of their obligations regarding stock movement and compliance around ear tagging and pre-movement and whole herd TB testing
- Communication and consultation to ensure that landowners were notified of annual ground maintenance work being undertaken locally. We are also working with a range of agencies to ensure that the recognised biodiversity benefits of the TB programme's pest control work are emphasised. This, in turn, may provide council with an opportunity to leverage tourism and other economic benefit messages.

Communication activities around the winter aerial season have been completed, with a variety of written information and public open days to the general public.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

To: Chairperson
West Coast Regional Council

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, -

Agenda Item No. 8.			
18 - 19	8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 9 August 2011	
20	8.2	Overdue Debtors Report	
	8.3	Response to Presentation (if any)	
	8.4	In Committee Items to be Released to Media	

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 9 August 2011		Section 48(1)(a) and in particular Section 9 of 2nd Schedule Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)		
8.3	Response to Presentation (if any)		
8.4	In Committee Items to be Released to Media		

I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- Michael Meehan
- Colin Dall

be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge on the subject. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.

The Minutes Clerk also be permitted to remain at the meeting.