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Report to Wellington Regional Council
From: Stuart Macaskill, Chairman

Chairman's Report

1. Lionel Jones

A few days ago I met with Lionel Jones. Sadly, Lionel has terminal cancer, which is at an advanced stage.

Lionel was a regional councillor for the Upper Hutt constituency from 1986 to 1989. Lionel's local government career began in 1962 and I served with him on the Upper Hutt City Council for many years. He, too, was Deputy Mayor (from 1970 to 1974).

He also served on the Regional Water Board for 15 years, the Wellington Regional Planning Authority and Hutt Valley Underground Water Authority; all predecessors of the first WRC which was set up in 1980.

While I was with Lionel, he presented me with a rock sample given to him when he was a member of the Hutt Valley Underground Water Authority. The rock was taken from a deep bore in Petone at 1021 feet down. It is grey-wacke and geologists believe it to be about 250,000,000 years old. I suggest it should be suitably mounted, framed and hung in the foyer to the Council Chamber. I am sure you will wish me to write and thank Lionel for gifting it to the Council.

2. "Women in APEC – Our Contribution to Economic Prosperity"

You will recall the above conference was referred to in my Report to Council in May. Councillor Shields was subsequently invited to participate in the conference and I confirmed her attendance. Councillor Shields will report orally at the meeting.

3. Local Government New Zealand Matters

Together with Councillor Shields, Mr Stone and Mr Maguire I attended the Zone 4 meeting on 24 May at Wellington City Council.

There was considerable discussion of Central Government's water and waste water review process. It was also necessary to clarify aspects of the current tertiary hospital review and the Transmission Gully willingness to pay survey. MPs from the region also attended the Zone meeting. Several very favourable references were made to their regular meetings with the WRC. It is proposed that in future Zone 4 meet with MPs on a regular basis. These meetings will continue to be quite separate from our meetings. Minutes of the Zone meeting will be included in the Information Bulletin when available.

4. **Tertiary Hospital Services in Wellington Region**

I understand the Public Discussion Document will be released early next week.

5. **SOLGM Vice Presidency**

It is with great delight that I report on Ted Maguire's election to the position of Vice President of SOLGM (The Society of Local Government Managers). It is, in my view, fitting recognition of the commitment and hard work that Ted has given to the organisation over many years and at both local and national level. I know you will all join me in congratulating Ted and wishing him a most successful term of office.

I understand Ted is only one of two members of the SOLGM National Executive who is not the CEO of a local authority.

6. **1 November 1999**

This date is an important one in the history of the Wellington Regional Council – It is the Council's 10th birthday.

It is also nearly 20 years since the first Wellington Regional Council was constituted on 12 June 1980.

It is proposed to mark the event in an appropriate but low key way and to involve former regional councillors.

7. **Recommendation**

That the Report be received.

STUART MACASKILL
Chairman