

Managers Report, Resource Policy Wayne Hastie, Manager

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1. Regional Plans

A summary of the status of the various Environment Court references on regional plans is attached. Changes from the last meeting are shown in bold.

(1) Regional Coastal Plan (Bianca Sullivan)

The outstanding appeals relating to Titahi Bay have been put back before the Environment Court. We are seeking a judicial conference to determine how the matter is to proceed. The remaining outstanding issue is the northern boundary of the car free area, where the parties have not been able to reach agreement.

(2) Regional Plan for Discharges to Land (Kirsten Forsyth)

The remaining appeal from Mrs Atkinson was settled by consent order on 21 August 1999. The Council can now make the Plan operative, and we hope to put it to the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting for final approval.

(3) Regional Air Quality Management Plan (Nicki Kinghorn)

Unfortunately the stack testing of a spray painting operation in the Moir Street area has had to be delayed. The testing is now scheduled for the end of October. The results should provide sufficient information to determine the appropriate limits on the rules in the Plan, and hence resolve the appeal from the Moir Street residents.

(4) Regional Freshwater Plan (Kirsten Forsyth, Murray McLea)

All remaining issues with the Plan have been resolved and we hope to bring it to the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting for final approval.

(5) Regional Soil Plan (Nicki Kinghorn)

Significant issues still remain unresolved despite a judicial conference. A hearing has been scheduled for December to address jurisdictional matters. We continue to pursue all avenues to resolve the outstanding issues

2. Regional Plan Implementation (Jo Fagan)

(1) Community Beach and Stream Clean-ups (Jo Fagan)

Jo Fagan undertook the regional co-ordination role for this year's *Clean Up New Zealand Week* which involved assisting territorial authorities and

community groups to organise a large number of beach, stream, park and street clean-ups around the western Wellington Region.

(2) **Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Disposal of Agricultural Wastes (Kirsten Forsyth)**

Work has commenced on this project with the completion of a project brief. The guidelines will be developed with representatives of the farming community, territorial authorities, and other relevant organisations and community groups.

(3) **On-site Sewage Treatment (Kirsten Forsyth)**

Staff are working on a joint project with local authorities in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region to produce documents on on-site sewage treatment and disposal. A first draft technical report has been completed and released for internal review, and four pamphlets drafted.

3. **Iwi matters (Tracey Whare)**

A workshop is scheduled for 1 November to discuss how the Council can further develop its relationship with the Tangata Whenua of the Region. A paper with a suggested approach is being prepared.

Councillors will be meeting with Tangata Whenua to discuss the Long Term Financial Strategy on 21 October and 16 November.

4. **Staff**

Mr Jan Hania has been appointed to the position of Hazard Analyst in the Department. Jan is currently working for consultants in Christchurch and recently completed a natural resources engineering degree at Lincoln University. Prior to his degree, Jan was a communications officer in the RNZAF.

We are hoping to second a staff member from Ngati Kahungunu to the Department to fill the gap created by Bianca Sullivan's five month leave of absence.

Regional Coastal Plan

Reference	Applicant	Status
RMA 920/96	Titahi Bay Residents' Association	A Memorandum of Parties signed by the Council and the Titahi Bay Residents' Association has been filed at the Environment Court. Porirua City Council and Kim Arnold are registered as interested parties to the proceedings and have not signed the Memorandum. The matter is now back before the Court.
RMA 921/96	Titahi Bay Residents' Association	A Memorandum of Parties signed by all parties has been filed in the Environment Court.
RMA 701/98	Graeme Ebbett	A Memorandum of Parties signed by all parties has been filed in the Environment Court.
RMA 926/96	Mobil Oil New Zealand Limited	Settled by consent order 17 March 1999
RMA 915/96	Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand	Settled by consent order 9 July 1998
RMA 904/96	Port Wellington Limited	Settled by consent order 21 May 1998
RMA 906/96	Port Wellington Limited	Settled by consent order 21 May 1998
RMA 905/96	Port Wellington Limited	Settled by consent order 21 May 1998
RMA 907/96	Port Wellington Limited	Settled by consent order 21 May 1998
RMA 908/96	Port Wellington Limited	Settled by consent order 21 May 1998
RMA 909/96	Port Wellington Limited	Settled by consent order 23 February 1999
RMA 910/96	Port Wellington Limited	Settled by consent order 21 May 1998
RMA 911/96	The Minister of Conservation	Settled by consent order 21 May 1998
RMA 925/96	Lambton Harbour Management Limited	Withdrawn
RMA 949/96	Lambton Harbour Management Limited	Settled by consent order 8 May 1998
RMA 923/96	Tranz Rail Limited	Settled by consent order 21 May 1998
RMA 902/96	Daniel Thomas Spencer Riddiford	Settled by consent order 20 August 1998
RMA 913/96	EWJ & J Sims	Withdrawn

Regional Plan for Discharges to Land

Reference	Applicant	Status
RMA 308/97	Masterton District Council	Settled by consent order 11 November 1998
RMA 309/97	NZ Fertiliser Manufacturers Research Association	Settled by consent order 13 November 1998

RMA 313/97	Wellington City Council	Settled by consent order 13 November 1998
RMA 314/97	Tranz Rail Limited	Settled by consent order 2 September 1999.
RMA 315/97	Mobil Oil New Zealand Limited	Settled by consent order 2 September 1999.
RMA 316/97	Port Wellington Limited	Settled by consent order 2 September 1999.
RMA 320/97	PJ Atkinson	Part struck out as invalid by Environment Court The remainder was settled by consent order 21 September 1999.

Regional Air Quality Management Plan

Reference	Applicant	Status
RMA 584/98	Port Wellington Limited	Settled by consent order 25 March 1999
RMA 583/98	Shell NZ Limited	Settled by consent order 6 April 1999
RMA 524/98	Dow AgroSciences	Settled by consent order 7 September 1999
RMA 586/98	Moir Street Residents' Group	Negotiations in progress Stack testing commissioned by WRC

Regional Soil Plan

Reference	Applicant	Status
RMA 1537/98	Department of Conservation	Settled by consent order 12 August 1999.
RMA 1460/98	Federated Farmers (Wairarapa)	Agreement reached with Federated Farmers. Agreement not reached with Jim Hedley and Dan Riddiford who registered as interested parties. Environment Court hearing to discuss jurisdictional matters set down for early December.
RMA 1459/98	Transit New Zealand	Agreement reached with Transit New Zealand. Agreement not reached with Jim Hedley and Dan Riddiford who registered as interested parties. Environment Court hearing to discuss jurisdictional matters set down for early December.
RMA 1458	Winston Aggregates Limited	Settled by consent order 19 February 1999
RMA 1456/98	Dan Riddiford	Waiver application declined by the Environment Court. Decision appealed to the High Court.
RMA 1461/98	Jim Hedley	Court declined Mr Hedley a waiver for late service of notice on WRC on 13 April 1999. Reference can not be heard by Court

Regional Freshwater Plan

Reference	Applicant	Status
RMA 471/99	Wellington Fish and Game Council	Settled by consent order 23 July 1999.

