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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 7 March 2000 at 9.40am.

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McQueen, McDavitt, Shaw, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Darroch, Laplanche, Maguire, Saywell, Schollum, Stone and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

201 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver

That the apology from Councillor Shields be confirmed.

202 **Public Participation**

Mayor Terris, Hutt City

Mayor Terris congratulated Council for its recent initiative in regional economic development and said it should continue to play a leadership role in this area.

Mayor Terris said the development of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan had been a worthwhile experience and there had been very good input from officers. He looked forward to the results of the consultation phase with Hutt ratepayers under the Long Term Financial Strategy.

Bulk Water continued to cause concern and Mayor Terris trusted an accord would be reached over water for Petone and also with the other 4 cities on the wider issue of how water should be managed in the medium to long term.

Councillor Ogden, Hutt City Council

Councillor Ogden said the Regional Council should sell some of its assets in the Port Company to reduce debt.

Councillor Styles, Hutt City Council

Councillor Styles said the Port Company was not core business and he looked forward to the day when it was sold to reduce council debt.

Following a question and answer session the Chairperson thanked members for their participation.

Procedural Items (continued)

At 10.15am the Chairperson adjourned the Council meeting to commence the Policy and Finance Committee.

The meeting reconvened at 1.15pm.

The Chairperson said that as Council still had to consider further submissions from Ara Tahi in the previously adjourned Policy and Finance Committee he would adjourn the present Council meeting until next Thursday 9 March 2000. It would meet on that day after the Policy and Finance Committee had further considered the Ara Tahi item.

The meeting adjourned at 1.15pm.

The meeting reconvened on Thursday 9 March 2000 at 11.45am.

All Councillors were present except Councillor Bonner.

203 **Policy and Finance Committee-7 March 2000**

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Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 7 March 2000, and the reconvened meeting on 9 March, be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

CR S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

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