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Additional Resource Consent Processing Delegations

1. Purpose

To ask Council to further delegate the resource consent processing powers, duties and functions, that it authorised on 5 August 2003, to the additional delegation levels specified in Attachment 1.

2. Background & Comment

On 5 August 2003 Council delegated certain powers, duties and functions for processing resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 (Report 03.428). These changes were prompted by the Resource Management Amendment Act 2003.

For the purpose of efficiency and effectiveness, Council delegated its decision-making functions to the lowest competent level of staff. While officers at the lowest competent level should carry out delegated functions in the first instance, there are occasions when officers holding higher positions require the same powers. This is often the case when an officer is unexpectedly away on sick leave and there are no other officers at the same level to carry out the work.

As this issue was not accounted for in the initial report to Council on 5 August 2003 (03.428), it is recommended that Council delegate its resource consent processing powers to the additional delegation levels specified in the attached table in bold type (**Attachment 1**).

3. Communication

The Council's decision will be communicated to the relevant staff members.

4. Recommendation

That the Committee recommends that Council:

In accordance with section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, delegates the duties, functions and powers specified in Attachment 1 to the delegation levels noted in bold in Attachment 1 of this report.

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