



# AGENDA

## STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE Submissions Hearings – Draft Annual Plan 2011-2012

Notice is given of Submissions Hearings of Horizons Regional Council  
to be held as follows:

### **Monday, 23 May 2011**

9.30am – The Peaks Motor Inn, Cnr Mangawhero Tce and Shannon St, **Ohakune**

1.30pm – Committee Room #2, Wanganui District Council offices,  
101 Guyton St, **Wanganui**

### **Wednesday, 25 May 2011**

9.00am – Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Ave, **Palmerston North**

### **Thursday, 26 May 2011**

9.00am – Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria, Ave, **Palmerston North**

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**STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE**

**SUBMISSIONS HEARING**

**DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2011-2012**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee of the Whole

**Monday, 23 May 2011**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Sub No.</b>
9.30am	1.	Apologies	
	2.	Members' Conflict of Interest Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda	
	3.	Late Submissions	
	4.	Submissions to Draft Annual Plan 2011-2012 <i>Report No. 11-89</i> <i>File No. OMS 10 02 11</i>	

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Sub No.</b>
	5.	Format for Oral Submissions <i>Report No. 11-87</i> <i>File No. OMS 10 02 11</i>	

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*File No. OMS 10 02 11*

M J McCartney  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

A Significant decision? <b>If Yes</b>	N
Do recommendations meet Significance Policy (contained within the LTCCP)	

**Item No: 4**  
**Date: 23, 25 & 26/05/2011**  
**Report No: 11-89**  
**File No: OMS 10 02 11**

## **SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2011-12**

### **PURPOSE**

1. This report provides the background and introduction to the submissions made on the Draft Annual Plan 2011-12 (Draft Plan).

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

2. Nil at this stage.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

3. The Draft Plan is widely advertised and subject to its own communications plan. A media release has been made regarding the level of submissions.

### **BACKGROUND**

4. The Draft Plan was released for public consultation on Wednesday 6 April 2011 and submissions closed at 5.00 pm Friday 6 May 2011. Submissions were accepted until 10.00am Tuesday 10 May 2011 to allow for submissions sent in by post.
5. The consultation process comprised the following mechanisms.

<b>MECHANISM</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Public Notices	Standard Format
Distribution List	181 hard copy and 17 CDs of the Draft Plan document (statement of proposal) were initially posted out to individuals and organisations. A further 12 copies were requested by, and distributed to, the general public.
Website	The home page of the website promoted the Draft Plan during the submission period. The main news item on the homepage for the submission period was an article about the Draft Plan with people encouraged to click through to the summary version and submission form from this article. 528 people clicked through to the Draft Plan and 678 clicked through to the submission form.

Summary of Proposal	This year we did not send out the summary of proposal to all ratepayers via the 'Across The Region'. Instead we took out an advertisement in local community papers as described below.
Community Paper Advertisements	<p>Colour supplementary advertisements were placed in the following community papers at a cost of \$21,485. These led people to the submission forms, Draft Plan document and summary document on the Horizons website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ruapehu Press (Taumarunui)</li> <li>➤ Feilding Herald (Feilding, Rongotea, Rangiwahia, Bunnythorpe, Halcombe, Kimbolton, Sanson, Apiti)</li> <li>➤ Central District Times (Taihape &amp; Waimarino)</li> <li>➤ The Tribune (Palmerston North, Tiritea, Shannon, Woodville, Pahiatua, Foxton, Ashhurst)</li> <li>➤ Rangitikei Mail (Manawatu &amp; Rangitikei)</li> <li>➤ River City Press (Whanganui)</li> <li>➤ Bush Telegraph (Tararua District)</li> <li>➤ Horowhenua Chronicle (Levin &amp; Horowhenua district)</li> <li>➤ Rural Central (Farming related paper)</li> </ul>
Facebook	Face book ads appeared on facebook pages of people in the region at a cost of \$1000. 351 people clicked on these ads to find out more about the Draft Plan and were taken through to the Annual Plan page on the Horizons website.
Email banners	All external emails from Horizons' staff had a small banner at the bottom of the signatures encouraging people to visit the website to submit on the Draft Plan.
Scheme ratepayer meetings	Various meetings with Scheme ratepayers have been held.

## COMMENT

6. Eight Hundred and Ninety Two (892) submissions were made to the Draft Plan. This number was significantly higher than last year (141) and in fact is more submissions that have been received in total for the past six years. An additional nine (9) late submissions have been received.
7. It should be noted the Animal Health Board (AHB) TB Vector funding has been a key issue and has been mentioned in 677 submissions. This level of submission is in

response to a letter sent out by Tbfree NZ to rural property owners across the Region, along with a Horizons Regional Council freepost envelope. This freepost envelope using Horizons freepost number was printed by Tbfree (at their cost) without consultation or permission. 615 submissions were received on the TB Free form, with 332 ticking the yes or no box on the form and making no comment. Over ten people did not even tick the box and had to be contacted to find out what was their submission position. When Council staff were following up with submitters who did not indicate if they wanted to speak or not, a significant number of submitters had not realised they had submitted on the Horizons DAP.

8. I wish to acknowledge the sterling effort made by our information management, governance and customer services teams to process this unprecedented number of submissions, which was at least seven times the normal level.
9. Sixty Eight (68) submitters wish to speak to their submissions which is approximately 50% up on the normal level.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

10. It is recommended that the Committee:
  - a. **acknowledges** with pleasure the input made by sector groups and individuals to the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2011-12;
  - b. **acknowledges** all submissions; and
  - c. **instructs** the Chief Executive to forward
    - i. A CD copy of the adopted Annual Plan 2011-2012 to all submitters who spoke to their submission
    - ii. A letter advising all non speaking submitters that a CD or web copy of the Plan is available.

Ed Duggan  
**MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT**

A Significant decision? <b>If Yes</b>	No
Do recommendations meet Significance Policy (contained within the LTCCP)	

Item No: 5  
Date: 23, 25 & 26/05/2011  
Report No: 11-87  
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## ORAL SUBMISSIONS

### PURPOSE

1. This report sets out a timetable to hear oral submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2011-2012.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

2. There is no financial impact at this stage.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3. This item is in response to consultation with the community.

### COMMENT

4. Sixty-eight (68) requests for oral submissions have been received, as follows:

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5. The format for oral presentations will be as follows:

- a. As all Councillors have been circulated with copies of submissions in full, it is not necessary for these to be read out.
- b. Five (5) minutes have been allocated for submitters to highlight significant aspects in their submissions and/or elaborate on particular details.
- c. Ten (10) minutes have been allocated to allow for questions of clarification on the submissions from members of the Committee. The Committee will not debate the merits of the issues raised by the submission, during this time.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6. It is recommended that the Committee

- a. **receives** the oral submissions in Report No. 11-87.

C Grant

**GROUP MANAGER CORPORATE & GOVERNANCE**

## **ANNEX**

A Written submissions in support of oral submissions.

A Significant decision? <b>If Yes</b>	No
Do recommendations meet Significance Policy (contained within the LTCCP)	

**Item No: 6**  
**Date: 23, 25 & 26/05/2011**  
**Report No: 11-88**  
**File No: OMS 10 02 11**

## FORMAT FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

### PURPOSE

1. This report is to consider written submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2011-2012.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

2. There is no financial impact at this stage.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3. This item is in response to consultation with the community.

### COMMENTS

4. As mentioned in Report No. 11-89, a total of 892 submissions were received by the closing date. Eight hundred and twenty-four (824) submitters have indicated they do not wish to speak to their submissions, either on their submission form or through a follow-up phone call and/or email. Copies of all submissions have been circulated to Councillors for their consideration.
5. A further nine (9) submissions were received after the closing date, and copies of these late submissions are included in this Agenda.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

6. It is recommended that the Committee
  - a. **receives** and **considers** all written submissions, copies of which have been distributed under separate cover.

C Grant

**GROUP MANAGER CORPORATE & GOVERNANCE**