

MEMORANDUM

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TO Joan Allin - Chairperson, Proposed One Plan Biodiversity Hearing

FROM David Murphy, Senior Policy Planner, Palmerston North City Council

DATE 11 November 2008

SUBJECT **PROPOSED ONE PLAN BIODIVERSITY AND HERITAGE HEARING**

Madam Chair,

Further to the joint memorandum prepared by Helen Marr, John Maassen, David Forrest and myself dated 16 August 2008, I wish to confirm with the Hearings Committee directly that I support the contents of that memorandum, in particular the following points from the memorandum:

- It was agreed that the approach proposed in Schedule E of the proposed One Plan was supported; and
- The agreed recommended wording of Policy 7-1 is as follows:

Policy 7-1: Responsibilities for maintaining indigenous biological diversity

In accordance with s 62(1)(i) RMA, local authority responsibilities for controlling land use activities for the purpose of maintaining indigenous biological diversity in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region are apportioned as follows:

(a) The Regional Council shall be responsible for:

- (i) developing objectives, policies and methods for the purpose of establishing a region-wide approach for maintaining indigenous biological diversity
- (ii) developing rules controlling land use activities to protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna for the purpose of maintaining biological diversity.

(b) Territorial Authorities shall be responsible for:

- ~~(i) Ensuring that implementing the objectives and policies of this chapter are taken into account when developing rules and making decisions on subdivision and land use consent applications~~
- (ii) retaining schedules of notable trees and amenity trees in their district plans and/or such other measures as they see fit for the purpose of recognising amenity, intrinsic and cultural values associated with indigenous biological diversity, but not for the purpose of protecting significant vegetation and habitat as described in (a)(ii) above.

(c) Both the Regional Council and Territorial Authorities shall be responsible for:

- (i) Recognising and providing for matters described in s6(c) of the RMA and having particular regard to matters identified in s(7)(d) RMA when exercising functions and powers under the RMA, outside the specific responsibilities allocated above, including when making decisions on resource consent applications.

For the purposes of clarity, the joint memorandum, together with this memorandum, supersede my earlier planning evidence on Biodiversity dated 11 July 2008.

My planning evidence on the Heritage sections of the One Plan dated 11 July 2008 was largely in support of the Proposed One Plan.

I also attended the recent caucusing meeting on Heritage and support the further recommendations contained within the report prepared by Fiona Gordon.

Taking into account the above, I do not plan on attending the Biodiversity and Heritage hearing but would be happy to make myself available should the Committee have any questions regarding the contents of the joint memorandum, this memorandum or my original planning evidence dated 11 July 2008.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DMurphy', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Murphy
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