



STAFF REPORT

TO: Environment and Planning Committee

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REFERENCE: R420

SUBJECT: **RESOURCE POLICY PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT - EP06/10/17**
– Report Prepared for 25 October Meeting

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides a three monthly update on the progress with current resource policy projects for the information of members.

2. BACKGROUND

The attached table describes the programme of projects for 2006 / 2007 and beyond, and covers process steps, current situation and next steps. Management remains committed to introducing a project coding and financial reporting system later this year to report under. This tracking will apply to resource monitoring and investigations, and other non-routine projects in the environment and Planning Department.

The pace of work in resource policy planning is intense, and the staff team's capacity to deliver on predicted timeframes is close to its limit. Some falloff in targeted outputs into 2007 from the previous three monthly intentions is a consequence of this.

3. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee **receive** this report.

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TO 31 DECEMBER 2006	1	Operative Plan package: preparation, approval, date for operative status, plan change request opportunity and cessation of Transitional DP.	Preparation of TRMP package: Identification of Parts I & II as package (March 06); resolution of key live appeal (Rural 1 subdivision); cross-referencing system; text processing; maps processing; package approval; operative date; opportunity for any person to request change to operative provisions. Package drafting continues. Consent memorandum for live appeal under negotiation.	SM, PM, MH, ST, NJ, RB, LV	Following resolution of key live appeal, completion of package and submittal for approval as soon as practicable; operative date and planning maps online at same time.
	1	Live appeals resolution	Resolution by consent order to EC, hearing by EC or withdrawal, of remaining live appeals (42): Rural 1 subdivision (1); Network utilities (5); Cultural heritage (5); Natural areas/land disturbance/riparian/discharges/wetlands/karst (9); Water and iwi (9); Open burning (1); Miscellaneous zoning: Mapua, Richmond, Motueka, Brightwater (5); Erosion under pastoral (1); Coastal landscape (3); LPA Takaka Hill (1)	ST, LV, SM, NJ, MAB, RB, ST	Environment Court prehearing conference 27 October 06; and specification of timelines for either consent memoranda or hearings

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			Coastal Tasman area (3)		
	1	Richmond west development plan	<p>Planning investigations and structure planning to support plan change: Transportation modelling study; Economic and demand & supply assessment for business & residential space; Contamination risk management performance regime; Structure plan; Draft variation; Followup to feedback and notification of proposed variation.</p> <p>Reported 23 August 06 on long term subregional demand/supply assessment with adoption of preferred development option. Transportation modelling phase 1 results to hand. Contamination management task commenced.</p>	SM, MB, MH, MAB	Report with draft structure plan within community consultation paper and transportation modelling study phase I results (25 October 06 meeting). Contaminant risk assessment reporting early December 06. Draft Plan change February 07.
	1	Variation/change to bring CTA Design Guide (TRMP Part II App 3) into TRMP	<p>Draft variation circulated; feedback; variation notified.</p> <p>Draft variation adopted 13 September 06; circulated for feedback; closure 1 November 06.</p>	SL	Reviewed draft Variation back to EPC 22 November 06. Notification of variation December 06
	1	Variations 49, 50 Richmond South DA	<p>Further submissions; Reporting and hearing submissions; decisions; appeals.</p> <p>Further submissions close 24 October 06.</p>	MH, SM, MB, DL, RS, DH, SL	Draft reporting on submission issues and possible prehearing December 06.
	1	Variation 47 St Arnaud LPA	Reporting and hearing; decisions; appeals.	SM	Decisions 25 October 06.

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			Reporting and hearing 30 August 06		Notification December 06
	1	Variation 48 Motueka east	Reporting and hearing; decisions; appeals	RB	Reporting and hearing 30 August 06. Notification December 06
	1	Report on temporary activities : recreational motorcycle riding	Working party meetings; draft variation; consultation; notification; submissions; decisions; appeals Reports to EPC September and October 06. Draft variation for feedback; closure 24 November 06	RB	Reporting on feedback; notification of variation December 06
	1	Mapua-Ruby Bay development:	Report re situation re services, and scope for rezoning Report to RMPC 21 June 06.	RB; JC	Structure planning and draft variation to report December 06.
	1	Golden Bay East settlement strategy	Urban settlement options report to formulate an EGB preferred settlement pattern; Community feedback; Decisions on pattern; Followup structure planning for preferred options; Draft TRMP change; Further consultation TRMP change(s). Further phase II paper circulated for community feedback August 06; closure 16 October 06.	SL, DL, MAB/IC SM	Further investigations; reporting on preferred settlement pattern November 06.
	1	Motueka west central development plan	Update on services; Demand estimates for urban land (business; residential); Structure plan options;	RB, DL, JC, MB, SM	Joint Council/landowner meeting and community feedback process.

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			<p>Liaison with iwi landowners; Resolution of plan change process; Plan change.</p> <p>Current investigations with demand estimations and services plan to support concept structure plan, reporting to EPC 25 October 06.</p>		
	1	Richmond air quality (PM10) plan variation and education package	<p>Discussion paper and draft variation; community feedback; variation notified; education & funding methods re PM 10 delivered.</p> <p>Reported on community feedback on draft variation 4 October 06, and adopted variation for notification.</p>	MAB, TJ, CW	Notification of variation on air discharges provisions December 06. Education delivery.
	1	Stormwater management variation	<p>Draft variation for consultation; feedback and notification of variation.</p> <p>Reported to RMPC 29 March 06, further technical refinement, and circulation in September 06; closure 25 October 06.</p>	SL et al.	Report on feedback; variation for notification December 2006
	1	TRMP Part IV: Rivers & Lakes	<p>Draft policy paper for consultation; Policy decisions; Consultation with issues and policy options paper; Draft Part IV; Possible further consultation; TRMP variation notified.</p> <p>Briefings on issues & draft policy options on 19 July and 23 August 06</p>	MAB, CW(REM); EV, JT	Further drafting of regulatory means of implementing preferred policy options in paper. Consultation paper to go out for stakeholder feedback.

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	1	Review of regional pest management strategy	Draft RPMS; submissions; hearings; decisions and adoption of RPMS review. Notification of proposed RPMS August 06; submissions closure October 06	LV	Reporting on submission issues and hearing by joint committee November 06.
	2	Tasman coastal landscape management	Issues and options report (covering feedback) to RMPC; use of investigations and submissions in a number of projects as applicable. Reported to RMPC 21 June 06.	NJ. Others where other projects	Implementation through several projects as reported EP 06/06/04
	2	Road hierarchy review: resolving TRMP and RAMM differences	Draft variation; notification	NJ, DL, RA, SE	Policy paper for EPC November 06
	2	Variation 44 transport and ESP	Reporting and hearing; decisions; appeals	NJ, DL	Reporting; and hearing December 06.
	2	Variation 45 Brightwater rezoning Siefried	Reporting and hearing; decisions; appeals. Hearing 30 August 06.	RB	Decisions 25 October 06. Notification December 06
	2	Waimea water allocation review	Review results from running low flow allocation options through model Assess process re WWAS process; Consult users; TRMP variation; Hearing of variation & deferred submissions; decisions; appeals. Reported on situation 11 October 06.	MAB, JT	Consult with users December 06; variation to follow.
	2	Tasman Futures (demographic growth and demand)	Report on Tasman District's demographic projections from model by LCR cf SNZ; Link to settlement planning and LTCCP content re space provision & services	MH; SM	Report December 06

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TO 31 MARCH 2007	1	Richmond CBD/central area development plan	Link 2002 advice on CBD design planning with 2003 advice on central area intensification planning preliminary report; Issues paper and consultation; Action plan including plan change; market liaison.	RB, MB, SM	Scoping report to RMPC February 07. Issues paper; consultation later in 2006/07 and TRMP change process beyond
	1	Variations 25/33 CE land disturbance	Hearings; decisions; appeals. Reporting on submissions.	LV, SM	Hearing February 07.
	1	Deep Moutere groundwater allocation review	Resource statement and issues & options paper, consult with users; draft variation,; notify; submissions; decisions; appeals Reported to EPC on situation following investigations, 2 August 06.	MAB, JT	Reporting to EPC February 07
	2	Coastal craft issues (incl. Abel Tasman coastline)	Advice on craft management under foreshore reserve MP and TRMP	NJ	Policy advice on managing effects of coastal craft February 07
	2	Richmond east development	Report on services and intensification options; draft plan change; consultation; notification.	MH, SM, DL	Scoping report February 07.
	2	Golden Bay west settlement strategy	Issues and options paper; Consultative process leading to TRMP changes 2007 onwards	SL, DL	Paper draft for EPC February 07
	2	Riparian land management strategy	Situation report; possible review of RLMS; plan change.	LV et al.	Situation report for EPC early 07
	2	Report on indigenous biodiversity management situation and action plan	Situation report; possible review of TNAES; plan change	LV, SM	Situation report to EPC early 07

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	2	TRMP land use administration issues requiring review	Plan change processes for priority issues.	RB and team	brief RMPC on issues and priorities early 2007. Series of reports on specific issues over remainder of 2006/07; further reporting as issues arise
	2	Rural futures policy review	Summary of issues for rural policy review following community feedback 2005; Advice on review tasks; policy reviews. Reported 8 March 06; scope of policy review programme defined	MH, SM	Review of issues commencing in priority order, after TRMP Part II and zone maps operative.
	2	Fate of Tasman Regional Policy Statement	Review content and consistency of TRMP with TRPS Assess options of retaining separate TRPS; combining with TRMP and process involved Review of essential TRPS content for merging with TRMP: Maori policy issues of significance Process management	SM and team	Report on options to RMPC February 07
	2	Upper Motueka water allocation development	Complete investigations; define issues and options; consult with stakeholders; draft variation; submissions; decisions; appeals. Investigations reported 28 August 06.	MAB, JT	Reporting to EPC later in 2006/07
TO 30 JUNE 2007 AND BEYOND	1	Advice on policy issues raised by central government or other agencies: legislation, policy statements, management	Reporting ongoing through 2006/07 and beyond Formulation of Council submission on NMFGC variation to Buller WCO	Policy team, Manager and others MAB, JT	Submission to EPC November 06

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		plans, water conservation order processes			
	2	Motueka CPZ allocation review	Review of allocation limit following modelling results; plan variation process	MAB, JT	Report to EPC late 2007
	2	Rural Futures: rural policy review ➤	Investigations and reporting on programmed rural policy issues arising from Rural Futures feedback; Series of reports arising from priority issues, followed by TRMP change processes	MH, SM, SL, MAB, RB, NJ	Reporting to run from 2007 to 30 Sept 08
	3	Motueka urban development planning following west central	Further strategic development planning for intensification and expansion of parts of Motueka in conjunction with network service upgrading	RB, DL, JC	Reporting on north Motueka and CBD development from late 2006/07 onwards
	3	Waimea estuary and catchment management strategy	Assembly of all planning policies and actions for integration into informal strategy	NJ, TJ, JT, MAB, MH, RS	Reporting on scope, process and outputs in 2007
	3	Takaka catchment water management	Issues & options with resource statement; TRMP change process	MAB, JT, GS	Resource investigations summary and issues paper later in 2006/07
	3	Onsite wastewater management:	Review of district approach: Risk assessment of settlement pattern re domestic wastewater contamination; Investigations with policy review; TRMP change process	SL, MAB, DL, JB	Issues and options paper for community after 2006/07
	3	Tasman (village) strategic development review	Issues paper; Structure plan for Tasman; TRMP change process	RB, DL and others	Investigations report and issues paper in 2007/08
	3	Wakefield strategic development planning:	Review of urban development strategy for Wakefield:	RB, MB, DL and others	Investigations report and issues paper in 2007/08

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			Issues paper; Structure planning; TRMP change process		
	3	Brightwater strategic development planning	Review of urban development strategy for Brightwater: Issues paper; Structure planning; TRMP change process	RB, MB and others	Investigations report and issues paper in 2008/09
	3	Plan implementation monitoring, evaluation and reporting system development:	RMA requires 5 yearly reporting on operative plans: Database and monitoring process development in conjunction with EMRS and website reporting	SM and team	2007/08 and ongoing