



STAFF REPORT

TO: Environment & Planning Committee

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REFERENCE: R420

SUBJECT: **RESOURCE POLICY PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT – EP07/02/03**
- Report Prepared for 7 February 2007 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. As with previous reportings, it is open for the Committee to review or confirm projects' priorities or timings.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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

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To 31 March 2007	1	Live appeals resolution	Resolution by consent order to EC, hearing by EC or withdrawal, of remaining live appeals (34): Rural 1 subdivision (1); Cultural heritage (3); Natural areas/land disturbance/riparian/discharges/wetlands/karst (8); Water and iwi (9); Miscellaneous zoning: Mapua, Richmond, Motueka, Brightwater (5); Erosion under pastoral (1); Coastal landscape (3); LPA Takaka Hill (1) Coastal Tasman area (3)	SM, LV, NJ, MAB, RB, ST	Environment Court prehearing conference 27 October 06; and specification of timelines for either consent memoranda or hearings
	1	Richmond west development plan	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. Transportation modelling study phase I results available October 06.	SM, MB, MH, MAB, DL	Report on feedback on draft structure plan within community consultation paper. Commission phase 2 transportation modelling. Contaminant risk assessment reporting April 06. Draft Plan change by May 07.

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			Community consultation paper with preferred option as draft structure plan released for feedback November 2006 until end February 2007.		
	1	Variation/change to bring CTA Design Guide (TRMP Part II App 3) into TRMP	Draft variation circulated; feedback; variation notified. Draft variation circulated for feedback late 2006.	SL	Reviewed draft Variation back to EPC 7 February 07. Notification of variation April 07.
	1	Variations 49, 50 Richmond South DA	Further submissions; Reporting and hearing submissions; decisions; appeals. Further submissions close 24 October 06.	MH, SM, MB, DL, RS, DH, SL	Draft reporting on submission issues and prehearing meeting late February 07.
	1	Richmond CBD/central area development plan	Link 2002 advice on CBD design planning with 2003 advice on central area intensification planning preliminary report; Scoping study as joint council project. Possible consultation on issues paper linked with N Nelson – Brightwater Corridor Strategy decisions. Action plan including plan change; market liaison.	RB, MB, SM	Report to EPC February 07 on joint project for scoping study. Possible issues paper; consultation later in 2006/07 and TRMP change process beyond
	2	Richmond east development	Report on services and intensification options; draft plan change; consultation; notification. Joint council project for draft structure plan for Nelson south – Richmond East	MH, SM, DL	Report on joint council project February 07.
	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 February 07.

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	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; reporting on preferred settlement pattern November 06.	SL, DL, MAB/IC SM	Draft variation for settlement strategy to report February 07.
	1	Motueka west central development plan	Update on services; Demand estimates for urban land (business; residential); Structure plan options; Liaison with iwi landowners; Resolution of plan change process; Plan change. Current investigations with demand estimations and services plan to support concept structure plan, reported to EPC 25 October 06. Joint Council/landowner meeting December 06.	RB, DL, JC, MB, SM	Further development of structure plan with supporting information for Council/landowner meeting March 07.
	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	RB	Reporting on feedback; notification of variation February 07.

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			November 06		
	2	TRMP land use administration issues requiring review	Plan change processes for priority issues.	RB and team	brief RMPC on issues and priorities February 2007. Series of reports on specific issues over remainder of 2006/07; further reporting as issues arise
	1	Richmond air quality (PM10) plan Variation 51 and education package	Discussion paper and draft variation; community feedback; variation notified; education & funding methods re PM 10 delivered. Reported on community feedback on draft variation 4 October 06, and adopted variation for notification. Notification of variation on air discharges provisions 13 Jan 07.	MAB, TJ, CW	Submissions on variation.
	1	Stormwater management variation	Draft variation for consultation; feedback and notification of variation. Reported to RMPC 29 March 06, further technical refinement, and circulation in September 06; closure 25 October 06.	SL et al.	Report on feedback; variation for notification March 07.
	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. Reporting on submission issues and hearing by joint committee and committee decisions December 06.	LV	Approval of RPMS review February 07.

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	2	Tasman Futures (demographic growth and demand)	Report on Tasman District's demographic projections from model by LCR of SNZ; and updates from Census 2006. Link to settlement planning and LTCCP content re space provision & services	MH; SM	Report March 07.
	1	Advice on policy issues raised by central government or other agencies: legislation, policy statements, management plans, water conservation order processes	Reporting ongoing through 2006/07 and beyond	Policy team, Manager and others MAB, JT	
To 30 June 2007	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 to hearing April 2007.	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. Likely to be after May 07.
	1	TRMP Part IV: Rivers & Lakes	Draft policy paper for consultation; Policy decisions; Consultation with issues and policy	MAB, EV, JT	Further drafting of regulatory means of implementing preferred

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			options paper; Draft Part IV; Possible further consultation; TRMP variation notified. Briefings on issues & draft policy options on 19 July and 23 August 06		policy options in paper. Consultation paper to go out for stakeholder feedback.
	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: Variation 54	Draft variation; notification Policy paper for EPC November 06. Variation notified 13 Jan 07.	NJ, DL, RA, SE	Submissions on variation.
	2	Waimea water allocation review: Variation 52	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. Consultation with users December 06, variation notified 13 Jan 07..	MAB, JT	Submissions on variation.
	2	Variation 44 transport and ESP	Reporting and hearing; decisions; appeals	NJ, DL	Reporting; and hearing April 07.
	1	Variations 25/33 CE land disturbance	Hearings; decisions; appeals.	LV, SM	Hearing May 07.

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			Reporting on submissions.		
	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 April 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 April 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 May 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 May 07
	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 EPC May 07
Beyond 30 June 2007	2	Rural futures: rural policy review	Investigations and reporting on programmed rural policy issues arising	MH, SM,SL, MAB, RB,	Review of issues commencing in priority

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	2	Upper Motueka water allocation development	from Rural Futures feedback; series of reports arising from priority issues, followed by TRMP change processes Complete investigations; define issues and options; consult with stakeholders; draft variation; submissions; decisions; appeals. Investigations reported 28 August 06.	NJ MAB, JT	order, after TRMP Part II and zone maps operative. Reporting to run from 2007 to 30 Sept 08 Reporting to EPC later in 2007/08
	2	Motueka CPZ allocation review	Review of allocation limit following modelling results; plan variation process	MAB, JT	Report to EPC late 2007
	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 late 2007
	3	Takaka catchment water management	Issues & options with resource statement; TRMP change process	MAB, JT, GS	Resource investigations summary and issues paper by June 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: Issues paper; Structure planning; TRMP change process	RB, MB, DL and others	Investigations report and issues paper in 2007/08
	3	Brightwater strategic	Review of urban development strategy for	RB, MB and	Investigations report and

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		development planning	Brightwater: Issues paper; Structure planning; TRMP change process	others	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