

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Tasman Regional Transport Committee

FROM: Gary Clark, Transportation Manager

DATE: 16 October 2009

SUBJECT: **FREIGHT TRANSPORT REPORT - NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek comments on the Freight Transport Report recently provided to Tasman District Council for comment. The information gathered as part of discussions in this meeting will assist in preparing a submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

2 BACKGROUND

NZTA as part of preparing funding criteria for the NLTP has commissioned a report on freight movements in the Wellington Region. Included in this report is an analysis of the freight movements in the Tasman District. This analysis included movements through the Port of Nelson and over the top of the south.

3 COMMENT

It is important that feedback is gained from the Regional Transport Committee as this document will be the guide that is used to determine whether there are any routes in this region that are of sufficient importance to gain funding support from NZTA.

As the committee will be aware, NZTA through the Government Policy Statement will concentrate funding in the major urban areas to address congestion and economic productivity. One of the other important components is the provision of efficient freight routes to assist in economic growth.

This region is a main primary producer with more goods leaving the area than being bought in. This is important for the country and we need to have efficient and safe routes to ensure our produce reaches the markets economically.

5 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the committee provides feedback on the Freight Analysis report to assist in a submission to NZTA.

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