

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Utilities Asset Manager, Jeff Cuthbertson
REFERENCE: W190
DATE: 24 August 2006
SUBJECT: **HEALTH (DRINKING WATER) AMENDMENT BILL**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Engineering Services Committee on the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill.

2 COMMENT

As previously reported to Council the Health (Drinking water) Amendment Bill (the Bill) has the potential to have significant effects on Council and other water providers.

The Bill has now had its first reading in Parliament and has been referred to Select Committee.

The Government is seeking submissions to the Bill and these are to be submitted by 15 September 2006. Council intends to make a submission.

In order to help Council understand the implications of the Bill, a briefing paper is attached to this report.

3 SUBMISSION

Staff will complete and provide to Councillors a draft submission to the Bill for consideration at the Committee meeting on 31 August 2006.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- (a) the report and attached information be received;**
- (b) the draft submission as provided (plus any amendments) be sent to the Ministry of Health for consideration.**

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