

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Steve Elkington Road Asset Engineer
REFERENCE: R857
DATE: 3 October 2006
SUBJECT: **ROADING HIERARCHY REVIEW**

1 PURPOSE

To recommend to the Committee that the proposed changes to Council's roading hierarchy be put out for public consultation.

2 BACKGROUND

A review of Council's roading hierarchy was recently completed to establish whether the current hierarchy within the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) is still appropriate.

Roading hierarchies can change over time as new roads are created and shift in land use occurs through rezoning. The current roading hierarchy has not been reviewed for some years and at least not since Council's TRMP came into effect around 1996.

Roading hierarchies are important to give certainty for planning and setting of standards for road geometrics.

The road hierarchy categories and definitions in both the TRMP and Council's "Engineering Standards & Policies 2004" were also reviewed. These were found to be robust and therefore no recommendation has been made to change these.

The road hierarchy categories are:

- Arterial,
- Distributor,
- Collector,
- Access Road and
- Access Place

3 COMMENT

The review team included Rhys Palmer a Traffic Engineer with MWH (NZ) Ltd, Neil Jackson Council's Traffic Planner and Steve Elkington Council's Road Asset Engineer.

Attached in the appendix, is the list of proposed roading hierarchy changes for roads in the district.

Maps showing both existing and proposed roading hierarchy are available for viewing.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Engineering Services Committee supports the proposed changes to Council's roading hierarchy being circulated for public consultation.

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