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Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Strand Park realignment construction delay and amended capital works programme

1. Purpose

- To provide for information a copy of report 03.279, “Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Strand Park realignment construction delay and amended capital works programme” which was considered by the Landcare Committee on 10 June 2003.
- To inform the Advisory Committee of the Landcare Committee resolutions on report 03.279.

2. Background

Implementation of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan is now well underway. However, a review of the Regional Council’s 2003–2013 Hutt River capital works programme has become necessary due to the following reasons:

- delays with the construction of the Strand Park river realignment
- savings due to overall cost reduction in projects
- increase in the Belmont edge protections budget.

Report 03.279 to the Landcare Committee recommended a revised Hutt River capital works programme. This report was circulated to Advisory Committee members in information Bulletin 2003/08 of 6 June 2003. The timing for the programme review was such that we had to report directly to the Landcare Committee. In future, we expect to develop a mechanism to recommend changes to Hutt River work priorities through the Advisory Committee.

3. Landcare Committee report

The Landcare Committee report 03.279 in **Attachment 1** updates the committee on the Strand Park land purchase delay and its consequences on the Strand Park river realignment construction programme.

The report also provides details of the proposed changes to the Hutt River capital works programme.

At its meeting on 10 June 2003, the Landcare Committee recommended the revised capital works programme be included in Greater Wellington's 2003–2013 ten-year plan. The revised capital programme was subsequently incorporated into the ten-year plan by Greater Wellington at its meeting on 16 June 2003.

4. Whirinaki Crescent

The Committee's attention is drawn to the budget provision for Whirinaki Crescent included in the 2003/04 financial year.

The delay in the Strand Park construction project has provided an opportunity to bring forward the investigation phase of the Whirinaki Crescent stopbank upgrade. Spare staff capacity will enable us to begin the survey and preliminary design of this reach in the 2003/04 financial year.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *receive the report.*
2. *note the contents of the report.*
3. *note that the revised (June 2003) Hutt River capital works programme contained in report 03.279 has now been incorporated into Greater Wellington's 2003–2010 ten-year plan.*

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Attachment 1: Landcare Committee report 03.279