

6. TRAINING FOR ELECTED MEMBERS – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

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The purpose of this report is to confirm the signals given to the Committee on 23 November 2001 of forthcoming training sessions for elected members on the Resource Management Act 1991.

Promoted by the New Zealand Planning Institute, a workshop is being held on Monday 25 March 2002, at the Copthorne Hotel.

Details include:

- Ministry for the Environment will outline the role of the Ministry, indicate the Minister's environmental priorities, and key work programmes relevant to local government. The purpose and principles of the RMA, how the legislation functions and key issues for Councillors will also be covered and discussed.
- Local Government New Zealand will look at what's working with the RMA and discuss what challenges it holds for Councillors. The politics of the RMA will also be covered.
- The New Zealand Planning Institute will focus on the Hearings process under the RMA. Key areas to be covered include: preparation for hearings, the roles of participants, conduct of participants and Councillors, matters to be addressed in decision-making and conflicts of interest.

Recommendation

from Chair: Not seen by Chair.