

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT - TWO YEARLY SURVEY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Regulatory and Consents Committee that the Ministry for the Environment survey of local authorities 2001/02 has been released.

This survey is carried out every two years and analyses information local authorities provide the Ministry about the resource consents they process. It includes information on resource consent numbers, processing times, costs, good practice in processing, enforcement and compliance.

Some results are reported in family groups of local authorities to enable comparisons to be made between those authorities with similar characteristics. Christchurch City is included in Group 4 being a local authority processing between 651 and 7,000 resource consents per annum. This group includes Auckland City, Dunedin City, Manukau, North Shore and Wellington City amongst others.

A number of statistics which may be of interest are set out below:

1. Nationally 52,935 resource consents were applied for in the 2001/02 financial year. There has been virtually no change in the total number of resource consents applied for from that reported in 1999/2000.
2. Nationally 2,921 (6%) resource consents were publicly notified during 2001/02 - an increase from the 2,417 (5%) publicly notified in 1999/2000.
3. Christchurch City Council processed 2,489 resource consents in 2001/02 and 1.7% of these were notified. This compares with Auckland City Council's 5,649 and 1%, Manukau City Council 1,808 and 1.3%, Wellington City Council 1,323 and 2.6%, Dunedin 780 and 4%.
4. Nationally 82% of all resource consents were processed within statutory timeframes.
5. Nationally 83% of non-notified resource consents were processed within time limits. In the case of Christchurch City Council 87% were processed within time compared with Auckland 70%, Manukau 97%, Wellington City 97% and Dunedin 100%.
6. Nationally 69% of all notified resource consent applications were processed within statutory time limits. In the case of Christchurch City Council 59%, Auckland 74%, Manukau 47%, Dunedin 100% and Wellington City 68%.

Copies of a key facts brochure will be circulated to the Committee with the agenda. Complete copies of the report are available from John Gibson, the Planning Administration Manager.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.