

11. SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996

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The purpose of this report is to advise that submissions have been called for on the above matter with a closing date of 20 June 2003. It is intended to report on the matter of the changes to the Committee at its meeting on the 13 June (see item 7 of the Committee agenda) but the recently advised closing date would preclude Council approval of any submissions prior to that date.

The Local Government New Zealand Dog Control Project Team, which has Mark Vincent of this Council as a member, is drafting a submission and this will be supplied to all territorial authorities for their use as they wish. However, it is indicated that this may not be available until after 13 June 2003 but it may be useful to determine overall local government views. However, this Council would therefore need to prepare its own submissions before that date to meet the timetable suggested.

In light of the time frame for this matter it is suggested that the Committee seek the approval of the Council at its May 2003 meeting for this Committee to approve a submission on behalf of the Council to be forwarded to the Select Committee by the due date of 20 June 2003.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Council approve the Regulatory and Consents Committee preparing and making a submission on behalf of the Council on changes to the Dog Control Act 1996 by 20 June 2003.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman.