## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY PLAN HEARINGS COMMITTEE

## 1. CITY PLAN HEARINGS – COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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The purpose of this report is to propose the appointment of current members of the City Plan Hearings Committee as Commissioners to hear and make recommendations on submissions and further submissions to the Proposed City Plan (or any variations to that Plan) during the period from October until December 1998.

With the forthcoming local body election, there is a period of time between the date of the Returning Officer's declaration and the next meeting of the new Council, during which the hearings panels (of the City Plan Hearings Committee) would be unable to meet. At the last election this difficulty for resource consent hearings was overcome by the Council resolving to appoint all current Councillors as Commissioners, for the purpose of being a member of a hearings panel of not less than three members. This allowed persons who were Councillors to continue to hear and make decisions on resource consents during this interim period. A similar solution appears appropriate for the City Plan Hearings Committee and its constituent panels. A small number of recommendations are likely not to have been finalised before the elections.

## Chairman's Recommendation:

- 1. That pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Resource Management Act, the Council appoints each current member of the City Plan Hearings Committee as a Commissioner for the purpose of recommendation and submission of further submissions to the Council. This appointment will cover the period from the official declaration by the Returning Officer until the day after the inaugural meeting of the new Council in 1998.
- 2. That pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Council delegate to the City Plan Hearings Committee all of the matters currently delegated to that Committee and its members.

## **CONSIDERED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1998**