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**REPORT BY THE LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER**

**1. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL**

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This Bill which was recently introduced into Parliament has been the subject of much discussion in the last 18 months.

The Council made comments to the Ministry for the Environment late last year and the Bill introduces a number of changes to the Resource Management Act, including contestable consent processing, commissioner hearings, the functions and powers of regional councils and territorial authorities in the resource management context, the direct referral of consent applications to the Environment Court and notification of applications together with changes relating to designations and heritage orders.

Submissions on the Bill close with the Transport and Environment Select Committee on Friday 13 August 1999.

Normally draft submissions on a Bill would be considered by the Council's Legislation Subcommittee but given the previous involvement of the Councillors below, it is considered that on this occasion the Council establish a separate subcommittee of those Councillors to approve submissions on this Bill.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council appoint a Resource Management Bill Subcommittee.
  2. That the Council appoint Councillors Buist, Close, Crighton, Evans, Keast, Manning and Wells as members of the Subcommittee.
  3. That the Subcommittee be authorised to approve submissions on behalf of the Council on the Bill.

**CONSIDERED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY 1999**

**MAYOR**