

2. DELEGATION TO LODGE REFERENCES TO ENVIRONMENT COURT

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The purpose of this report is to seek a delegation from Council authorising the lodging of references to the Environment Court against decisions of other local authorities.

The Committee will have received in this agenda a report seeking approval for the lodging of a reference against a decision of Environment Canterbury on submissions to its Waimakariri River Regional Plan and the Council's confirmation of this action. The reason for this report is that there is no delegated authority from the Council to lodge references against decisions of other authorities.

The time for lodging references against decisions on Proposed Plans and resource consents is 15 working days from the date on which the decision is received. It seems appropriate therefore that any delegation for this purpose is to a delegate which is not constrained by fixed meeting times.

Recommendation: That the Council delegate to the Council Hearings Panel the authority to lodge references to the Environment Court against decisions of Environment Canterbury and of neighbouring territorial authorities on submissions to Proposed Regional Policy Statements, Proposed Regional Plans, and Proposed District Plans, on resource consents, and on submissions to Variations and Changes to Proposed or Operative Regional Policy Statements, Regional Plans, and District Plans.