

## 8. LAPP DISASTER FUND - NOMINATION

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The purpose of this report is to recommend a nomination to Local Government New Zealand for appointment as a Trustee of the LAPP Disaster Fund.

### BACKGROUND

The LAPP Disaster Fund is a mutual fund which provides for the insurance of the local authority share of replacing key infrastructural assets in the case of a major disaster. The balance of the cost is expected to be provided by Central Government.

Several years ago Civic Assurance took the initiative to establish this fund because of the difficulty in obtaining insurance for these particular assets and also because the Government had indicated that they would only provide for a significant contribution for restoring such assets if local authorities had themselves taken significant action to cover the remaining share of the costs. Civic Assurance took the initiative to establish this mutual fund which has now been in operation for about 10 years.

The Board of LAPP comprises representatives appointed by Local Government New Zealand, Society of Local Government Managers and Civic Assurance.

Local Government NZ have given notification to all member authorities that they are reviewing their existing appointments and are seeking nominations to fill the positions which they have responsibility to appoint.

### PROPOSED NOMINATION

Local Government NZ have indicated that they are prepared to consider nominations from local authorities and also from outside local government.

Christchurch is one of the largest of the 49 members of LAPP and there would be considerable merit in having a representative on the Trustee Board who understands the needs of the larger local authorities and the special needs of the South Island. Local Government NZ have indicated that the types of the skills which would be appropriate for the Board would be drawn from those with any of the following:

*Fire and General Insurance background*

*Engineering background*

*Accounting/Actuarial/Investments background*

*Legal background*

*CEO/Management background*

*Central Government accessibility*

*Marketing skills*

*Commercial business experience*

I would propose that this Council nominate Ken Lawn, the Council's Director of Operations, to Local Government NZ. Ken is responsible for risk management and internal audit within the Council. He is also responsible for emergency management City recovery, insurance, and an overview of asset management planning on infrastructural units. These issues are very closely aligned to the Council's needs for the LAPP protection. Ken also has a planning background and long experience in city development and planning issues and was a member for five years of the Specialist Advisory Group for the Ministry of Environment Sustainable Management Fund.

**Recommendation:** That Ken Lawn be nominated to Local Government NZ for appointment to the LAPP Disaster Fund Trust Board.