

2. NEW ZEALAND PLANNING INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee about the NZ Planning Institute Conference 2002.

The conference this year is to be held in Wellington from 8 April – 12 April 2002 inclusive. The conference this year is different, in that it is the first joint annual congress of the NZ Planning Institute and the Planning Institute of Australia. The programme this year looks particularly interesting. The opening address will be by the Prime Minister and other speakers include Judge Joan Allin, the Principal Environment Court Judge; Lyndsay Neilson, Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Victoria (Australia); and the Hon Justice Mahla Pearlman, Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court, New South Wales (Australia). There are a number of sessions which will be of particular interest to elected members, including a local government councillors' workshops and workshops covering a wide range of subjects including urban design, urban growth management, urban sustainability, infrastructure and sustainable development, environmental risk assessment, and hazard management, local government and the private sector, decision-making and local government politicians, participation and mediation, consultation and collaboration, and innovation and plan making.

In view of the calibre of the conference it is suggested that the chairman and two others attend this year.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council be represented at the above conference by the following Councillors: Councillors David Cox, Gail Sheriff and Sue Wells.
 2. That Councillor Helen Broughton be the alternate representative.