

7. NEW ZEALAND PLANNING INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2003

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the attendance of elected representatives at the New Zealand Planning Institute Annual Conference in Hamilton on Friday 23 May 2003.

The New Zealand Planning Institute is holding its annual conference in Hamilton from 22-24 May 2003. As part of this conference on Friday 23 May 2003 guest speakers will discuss topics related to the future of the Resource Management Act. The Minister for the Environment, Hon Marian Hobbs and the Parliamentary Commission for the Environment, Morgan Williams, will speak and there will also be workshops related to the New Zealand Waste Strategy.

Estimated costs for attendance of one person at the Friday session are as follows:

•	Miscellaneous	\$60
•	Air fares	\$490
•	Registration	\$288
•	TOTAL	\$838

Note: As requested by the Committee, detailed below are revised costs for the attendance of two people:

•	Miscellaneous	\$100
•	Air fares	\$829
•	Accommodation	\$115
•	Registration	\$864
•	TOTAL	\$1,908

Councillor Denis O'Rourke has expressed a wish to attend the Conference on this day in view of the relevance of the topics to the work of the Committee.

(Note: This topic was also considered by the Regulatory and Consents Committee who received the information.)

Recommendation: That Councillors Denis O'Rourke and Chrissie Williams attend the New Zealand Planning Institute annual conference in Hamilton for one and two days respectively.