

6. CLEARWATER VARIATION

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The purpose of this report is to advise on progress regarding a variation to the City Plan being prepared on behalf of Clearwater and the Isaac Wildlife Trust.

In October 2002 the Council resolved to consider a draft variation to the City Plan to be prepared by Clearwater and the Trust to enable their development aspirations to be dealt with holistically, rather than as a continuous series of resource consents. The variation has been prepared by consultants, after extensive consultation. It has taken some time, particularly because of the need to resolve issues relating to airport noise, which has been before the Environment Court at the same time. In more recent months, Environment Canterbury's recently notified Natural Resources Regional Plan has become a major issue.

The variation has reached the point where the Council should consider whether to proceed with public notification. It is proposed to report formally on the Variation in September 2004. Because of the size of the variation and the importance of the issues involved, a Council seminar on the variation has been scheduled with the approval of the Mayor and the Chair of the Regulatory and Consents Committee for the planned Regulatory and Consents seminar date of 23 August 2004. All Councillors will be invited to the seminar, as well as the two Community Board chairpersons who were on the Clearwater Subcommittee, Mr Mike Wall and Mrs Yvonne Palmer. Clearwater and the Trust are aware of this proposal and have asked for the opportunity to make a brief presentation. It is proposed that they be invited for the first 30 minutes.

Staff

Recommendation: That the report be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.