

## 6. SNELLINGS WATERWAY CONCEPT PLAN

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to confirm Board support for the Snellings Waterway Concept Plan following community consultation.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At the Board's 19 July 2006 Seminar, Council officers provided information on the proposed stages to develop the Snellings and No 2 Drain system.
3. A preliminary development plan was circulated to key stakeholders in August 2006 to obtain feedback on its design. The final plan (**attached**) aims to reflect the views of the community and has been refined in response to community feedback.
4. One factor arising strongly in the community consultation was the desire to have a footpath link established between the Snellings Drain enhancement area and the existing footpath on Prestons Road. Capital Works Unit staff have consulted internally with the Transport and Greenspace Unit. An extra 40 metres of footpath will now be accommodated as part of the Snellings project.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There is \$50,000 available in the Transport and Greenspace Unit 2006/07 financial year to implement the proposed plan. There is \$100,000 available for each of the next four consecutive years to complete the subsequent development.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve option (b) to accept the Snellings Waterway Concept Plan. Thus accepting an enhancement for the area plus increasing the storm water capacity to keep in line with increased subdivision storm water run-off.

## BACKGROUND

6. Snellings Drain catchment is a 314 hectare sub catchment of the No 2 Drain system that discharges into Horseshoe Lake. The catchment extends from Waitikiri Golf Course south to Clare Park. Historically no natural drainage pattern existed in the area. No 2 Drain and Snellings Drain were constructed to enable productive use of the land by reducing natural ponding and lowering groundwater levels. For many years this system has provided adequate drainage for the area, however, the timber lined drain is now at capacity for the existing level of catchment development. With future developments in the area still increasing the current drainage is no longer sufficient.
7. Council officers briefed Board members on upcoming upgrades programmed for Snellings Drain Catchment Area at a Seminar on 19 July 2006. The enhancements would be delivered over several years. The proposed landscape plan (**Attachment 1**) for the drain section adjacent to Limes subdivision is the first stage and due for implementation during the 2006/07 financial year. Stage 2 is where the drain crosses Shirley Golf Course (**Attachment 2**), will be constructed in the 2007/08 financial year. Stage 3 enhancement of Snellings Drain between Limes Subdivision and Cameo Grove will be implemented in the following financial year 2008/09 (**Attachment 3**). Currently Stage 1 is the only section that has been consulted on.
8. A public information leaflet seeking responses on the preliminary plan was distributed to residents and key stakeholder groups in August 2006. Residents were asked to indicate their acceptance/non-acceptance of the plan and were given the option to comment. In total, 38 response forms were received from the 60 consultation packages delivered. 100 percent of respondents accepted the proposed plan and many positive comments were received.
9. A number of suggestions and comments were made that have been considered and where appropriate integrated into the design. A copy of the final plan would be circulated to residents and stakeholder groups prior to the construction date.

## OPTIONS

10. There are two possible options:
  - (a) Do nothing or maintain the status quo. This option is not practical as the level of drainage provided to the area is no longer adequate for the level of catchment development.
  - (b) Accept the Snellings Waterway Concept Plan with its minor changes to the original plan in recognition of residents' feedback.

## PREFERRED OPTION

11. To adopt option (b) and accept the Snellings Waterway Concept Plan, thus providing adequate drainage for the area. Residents also gain connected footpath access to Prestons Road and a greenspace area for passive recreation.