

## 9. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 – DELEGATION OF POWERS

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<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Environmental Policy and Approvals Manager
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to extend currently delegated powers to two new positions in the Environmental Policy and Approvals Unit. The positions are that of Specialist Planner – Professional Development and Resource Management Manager.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The position of Specialist Planner – Professional Development is a new senior planning position but with some important additional functions in particular the training of new staff and ensuring best planning practice amongst those involved in the resource consent process. The position has recently been filled by Dion Douglas. Dion was for many years a Senior Planner in the Planning Administration Team of what was the Environmental Services Unit and from 2001 until 2003 he was a Team Leader of the Civic Planning Team. From 2003 until July this year he was the District Planner at Selwyn District Council. In this role he was responsible for the planning functions of that Council. Given that Specialist Planner is a position which is equivalent to that of Senior Planner it is considered appropriate that it have delegated to it the same powers that are delegated to Senior Planners.
3. The position of Resource Management Manager has existed since 2005. It is an important position in terms of the resource management functions the Council administers. The Resource Management Manager is responsible for the effective operation of the City Plan Team, the Planning Administration Team and the Subdivision Team in the Environmental Policy and Approvals Unit. The position is currently occupied by Tim Harris who was formerly in charge of the planning functions of the Banks Peninsula District Council. Given the requirements and responsibilities of this position it is considered appropriate that it have delegated to it the same powers currently delegated to the Planning Administration Manager, City Plan Team Leader, Subdivisions Team Leader and Civic Planning Team Leader.
4. It is important to emphasise that no new RMA delegations are being sought for either of these positions. This is simply a request to have existing delegated powers extended to new positions.
5. Extending delegated powers to these new positions will increase the ability of Council officers to deal with the functions of the Resource Management Act in a more efficient and timely manner. It will also enable better utilisation of the skills and experience held by the people in these positions.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. Nil

### Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. N/A.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. Nil.

### Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. N/A.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

10. Yes.

**Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?**

11. Yes.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

12. Yes.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

13. Yes.

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. N/A.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Delegate to the position of Specialist Planner – Professional Development those powers currently delegated to Senior Planners.
- (b) Delegate to the position of Resource Management Manager the same powers currently delegated to the Planning Administration Manager, City Plan Team Leader, Subdivisions Team Leader and Team Leader Civic Planning Team.