

**41. VARIATIONS TO CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED REGIONAL COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN – COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS**

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Corporate Plan Output: Board Advocacy	

Board members will recall that a subcommittee appointed by the Board at its meeting on 18 November 1998 met on 23 November 1998 with Jenny Ridgen, Environmental Resources Officer, to offer the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board’s input into the Council’s submissions on the Canterbury Regional Council’s Proposed Regional Coastal Environmental Plan.

This matter arose because the Canterbury Regional Council had prepared two major variations to the Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan which was publicly notified by that Council on 2 July 1994. These two major variations are the rewriting of two chapters dealing with “Coastal Water Quality” and “Activities and Occupation in the Coastal Marine Area”, chapters 7 and 8 respectively. In addition to giving consideration to the original submissions, new submissions had been sought by the Regional Council.

The Board decided that it wished to have input into the Council’s submissions which were to be considered by the next meeting of the Environment Committee and appointed a sub-committee of Erin Baker, John Freeman, Liz McRostie and Aaron O’Brien to consider this input.

The Environmental Resources Officer, Jenny Ridgen, reports on this input as follows:

*“Following input from the Burwood/Pegasus and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board, a submission has been made by the Council on the Variations to the Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan.*

*The submission supports the setting of water quality classes for the Avon/Heathcote Estuary. A proposal to set water quality classes for further areas along the City’s coastline was discussed during preparation of the submission. However, due to concerns that the City’s stormwater discharges may not be able to meet the standard required, this was not included in the final submission.*

*The submission supports the establishment of Water Quality Standards for coastal water while recognising that these will result in additional costs to the Council due to the need to improve the quality of discharges from stormwater outlets and of the Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent.*

*The proposal, by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board, to exclude motorised vessels from the Avon/Heathcote Estuary was not included in the Council submission as the Environment Committee agreed that the Canterbury Regional Council Harbour Bylaws 1996 adequately covered this matter.*

*Submissions suggested by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to include “baches” in the list of structures that might be found within the Coastal Marine Area and requesting that local territorial authorities be advised in writing of upcoming sporting events, such as boat races or beach horse races, were included in the Council’s submission.*

*It is expected that hearings on the Variations will take place later this year, once submissions have been summarised and further submissions have been sought.”*

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairman’s**

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