

## 6. DELEGATION TO LODGE REFERENCES TO ENVIRONMENT COURT

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| Corporate Plan Output: Regional Plans and Resource Consents             |                                 |

The purpose of this report is to seek a delegation from Council.

The Committee will have received in this agenda a report seeking approval for the lodging of a reference against a decision of the Canterbury Regional Council on submissions to its Waimakariri River Regional Plan and Council's confirmation of this action. The reason for this report is that there is no delegated authority from Council to lodge references against decisions of other authorities.

The time for lodging references against decisions on Proposed Plans and resource consents is 15 working days from the date on which the decision is received. It seems appropriate therefore that any delegation for this purpose is to a delegate which is not constrained by fixed meeting times.

**Recommendation:** That the Committees recommend to Council that it delegate to the Council Hearings Panel the authority to lodge references against decisions of the Canterbury Regional Council and of neighbouring territorial authorities on Proposed Regional Policy Statements Proposed Regional Plans, Proposed District Plans, resource consents and on Variations and Changes to Proposed or Operative Regional Policy Statements, Regional Plans, and District Plans.

**Chairman's Recommendation:** That the proposed action be endorsed.