

## 5. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAW ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the Resource Management Law Association's Annual Conference to be held in Wellington on 4 October 2001.

The conference this year moves away from a focus on the Resource Management Act to consider a range of relevant and significant environmental law topics. These topics fall under the broad heads of land, air, water and genetics and cover such issues as biodiversity, border control, greenhouse gases, emissions trading, oceans policy, territorial limits, fishing and outcomes of the Royal Commission's findings on genetic modification.

It will include keynote sessions led by senior members of the Government and of industry and speakers of the same calibre. The conference will provide, for the first time, critical analyses and open debate on these important topics from those directly involved with the issues, whether in government, industry or practice.

Traditionally the Council has been represented at the conference by elected members and planning staff.

**Recommendation:** That the Committee approve one member to attend the RMLA 9th Annual Conference in Wellington.

**Chairman's Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be supported.