

5. WORKING IN A LEGAL ENVIRONMENT UNDER THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT SEMINAR

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of a seminar entitled, "Working More Effectively in a Legal Environment under the Resource Management Act". This seminar is being held in Auckland and Christchurch, the Christchurch date being 13 March 2001.

Effective resource management depends on the skills of planners and other environmental professionals in their role as expert witnesses before councils and the Environment Court. The seminar is based on the knowledge and practical experience of the presenters and provides an opportunity for participants to enhance these skills.

The NZ Planning Institute endorses the seminar as part of its members' continuing professional development.

Copies of the programme outline are tabled.

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Recommendation: That the Council be represented at the Christchurch seminar.