

8. REGIONAL FREIGHT ISSUES DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's delegation to the Land Transport Subcommittee for the approval of a Submission on Environment Canterbury's 'Regional Freight Issues and Discussion Document', which is currently out for consultation.

The Regional Freight Issues Discussion Document was presented and briefly discussed at a seminar meeting of the Sustainable Transport & Utilities Committee on 18 June 2002. This document is the first step in Environment Canterbury's development of a Regional Freight Strategy. The Regional Freight Strategy is intended to be produced by June 2003 and will be an outcome of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (June 2002).

A submission to Environment Canterbury on the Regional Freight Issues Discussion Document is being developed in light of discussions with staff and from comments made at the Sustainable Transport & Utilities seminar. The final date for submissions is 31 July 2002. To meet this closing date for submissions, delegation is sought for the Land Transport Subcommittee to approve the submission at a meeting later in July 2002.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Land Transport Subcommittee be delegated authority to approve the Council's submission on the 'Regional Freight Issues and Discussion Document'.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.