

32. CENTRAL PLAINS CONSENT WORKING PARTY

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to establish the Central Plains Consent Working Party to work with staff to provide further technical evidence in response to the Central Plains Water Limited changed proposal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Central Plains Water Limited has been revising its proposal. A Commissioner Minute has provided a two-step process for other parties to respond once the revised proposal was tabled. The Council is required to respond in September 2009.
3. The previous Council established a working party to work with staff to conclude the technical evidence needed to support the Council's stated position. The working party was dissolved at the time of the new Council. Given that the consent process has taken this turn it is proposed that the Council re-establish a working party comprising five Councillors to work with staff to agree further technical evidence in response to the changed proposal. The working party will report to the Council. It is envisaged that the working party will conclude by the end of October 2009.
4. The working party will continue to work within the terms of the submission first made by the Council (see **attachment**). It is not clear at the time of writing whether the revised proposals will fundamentally impact on that position or what scope is provided to the Council by the commissioners in that circumstance. Any submission will need to be ratified by the Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Not applicable.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

6. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

7. Yes. There are none.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

8. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

9. No specific strategies are involved.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

10. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

11. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council establish a Central Plains Consent Working Party comprising five Councillors (*nominate*), to be chaired by Councillor (*nominate*) to work with staff to agree further technical evidence in response to the Central Plains Water Limited changed proposal and note that any new submission (if permitted and/or required) will be brought back to the Council for approval.