

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD

AGENDA

Time: 7:00pm
Date: Thursday, 4 May 2017
Venue: Tawa Community Centre
5 Cambridge Street
Tawa
Wellington

MEMBERSHIP

Jill Day
Graeme Hansen
Richard Herbert (Chair)
Liz Langham
Margaret Lucas (Deputy Chair)
Jack Marshall
Robyn Parkinson
Malcolm Sparrow

Have your say!

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2017 will be put to the Tawa Community Board for confirmation.

1.4 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any meeting of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under Standing Order 3.23.3 a written, oral or electronic application to address the meeting setting forth the subject, is required to be lodged with the Chief Executive by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the meeting concerned, and subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

Any item not on the agenda may only be discussed if a motion to discuss the item is passed by a unanimous resolution of the meeting; and:

1. The item is a minor item relating to the general business of the local authority; and
2. The Chairperson explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting but no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting for further discussion; and
3. The Chairperson explains to the meeting why the item is not on the agenda and the reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed.

2 Oral Reports

2.1 Police Update

2.2 Tawa Community Board Discretionary Fund Update

2.3 Members' Reports

2.4 Report back on the decisions of the Tawa Community Board Grants Subcommittee

3. Reports

UPDATE FROM GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL - PORIRUA STREAM MAINTENANCE

Purpose

1. Greater Wellington Regional Council will be presenting an oral update to the Tawa Community Board on the maintenance work undertaken on the Porirua Stream.

Recommendation

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Background

2. Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) manages and maintains flood protection assets along 800km of river across the region.
3. Maintenance of these assets is carried out all year round by their Operation and Maintenance teams based in the Hutt Valley, Wairarapa Valley and the Kapiti Coast.

Discussion

4. Colin Munn, Team Leader Flood Protection Operations and Sharyn Westlake, Senior Strategy and Advisory Engineer from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), will provide the Tawa Community Board with information on GWRC's role and responsibilities for managing the Porirua Stream.
5. The briefing will also cover the associated flood hazard and to identify future opportunities.

Attachments

Nil

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Engagement and Consultation

This is an oral briefing with no engagement or consultation requirements.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

This is an oral briefing with no Treaty of Waitangi considerations.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this oral briefing.

Policy and legislative implications

This is an oral briefing with no policy or legislative implications.

Risks / legal

N/A.

Climate Change impact and considerations

N/A,

Communications Plan

N/A.

Health and Safety Impact considered

There are no health and safety implications arising from this oral briefing.

TRANSMISSION GULLY PROJECT UPDATE

Purpose

1. The Tawa Community Board will receive an update on the current progress and upcoming works for the Transmission Gully project, focusing on the Linden and Tawa area.

Recommendation

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Background

2. Construction of the Transmission Gully Motorway began towards the end of 2014 and it is expected to be completed by April 2020.
3. At the Tawa Community Board meeting held on 09 March 2017, Peter Ward, Senior Project Manager from NZTA, provided the Tawa Community Board with an update on the project to date.

Discussion

4. Following the last update, Belinda Mackenzie-Dodds (Community Liaison Manager for Transmission Gully) will provide an update on current progress and upcoming works for the project with particular emphasis on the Linden and Tawa area.
5. In addition, the update will also provide an overview of the environmental management of the project given that the work crosses almost the entire catchment of the Porirua Harbour.

Attachments

Nil

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Treaty of Waitangi considerations

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Financial implications

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Policy and legislative implications

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Risks / legal

N/A.

Climate Change impact and considerations

N/A,

Communications Plan

N/A.

Health and Safety Impact considered

There are no health and safety implications arising from this oral briefing.

RAILWAY SAFETY IN TAWA

Purpose

The purpose of this briefing is to provide the Tawa Community Board with information about the work TrackSAFE NZ is doing to educate and promote railway safety, in particular the work that is being done in the Tawa area.

Recommendation

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Background

1. TrackSAFE NZ is a registered charitable trust governed by a Board of Trustees who governs its operations. TrackSAFE aims to raise awareness about safe behaviour around the railway network through events such as Rail Safety Week and other campaigns.
2. The railway is a significant part of the Tawa area with approximately 123 trains a day pass through the Tawa area including a number of freight services.
3. Four level crossings are in close proximity to each other, with five schools using the Tawa Street pedestrian crossing.
4. Since 01 January 2007, there have been 33 near collisions with pedestrians and 21 near collisions with vehicles also recorded in the same period.

Discussion

5. TrackSAFE NZ is concerned about the behaviour and safety of young people in Tawa at level crossings following a second near miss in four months where children have crossed while the flashing lights and bells at the crossings were operating.
6. Megan Drayton, Foundation Manager at TrackSAFE NZ, will be providing the Board with an update on these issues and welcomes the opportunity to work with the Tawa Community Board and other community groups to further raise awareness and improve safety in the Tawa area.

Attachments

Attachment 1. TrackSAFE NZ report - Keeping Safe around the railway in Tawa Page 13

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Engagement and Consultation

This oral briefing has no engagement or consultation implications.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

This is an oral briefing with no Treaty of Waitangi implications.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications attached to this oral briefing.

Policy and legislative implications

N/A.

Risks / legal

N/A/

Climate Change impact and considerations

N/A/

Communications Plan

N/A.

Health and Safety Impact considered

N/A.



Keeping safe around the railway in Tawa

Report to Tawa Community Board

4 May 2017





About TrackSAFE NZ

TrackSAFE NZ is a registered charitable trust, first incorporated in 2006 under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. The Trust raises awareness about safe behaviour on and around the rail network through proactive communication, engagement and cooperation. Our goals are:

- To drive widespread public awareness of safety around the rail network;
- To engage and assist stakeholders to pursue initiatives that will most effectively improve safety;
- To monitor progress against safety related actions;
- To facilitate a safe systems approach to thinking.

Ultimately we hope to achieve:

- Widespread public knowledge of the risks and an understanding of how to behave safely;
- A reduction in vehicle and pedestrian collisions and harm;
- A data and evidence-based approach to campaigns and awareness activities;
- Increased stakeholder engagement and greater cooperation between agencies;
- An improvement in incident reporting through engaged rail staff and stakeholders.

TrackSAFE NZ's Board of Trustees includes:

- Peter Reidy, Chief Executive of KiwiRail (Chairman)
- Bob Herbert AM, Chairman of TrackSAFE Australia
- Fergus Gammie, CE of NZ Transport Agency
- Michel Ladrak, Managing Director of Transdev Auckland
- Alan Bannister, Managing Director of Transdev Wellington (to be appointed 1 June 17)
- David Warburton, Chief Executive of Auckland Transport
- Greg Campbell, Chief Executive of Greater Wellington Regional Council

Level crossings in Tawa

The railway is a significant part of the Tawa area with four level crossings in relatively close proximity – the Tawa Street level crossing, Tawa pedestrian crossing and McLellan Street and Collins Avenue crossings. There are also overbridges that can be crossed to access stations at Linden. Five schools use the Tawa Street pedestrian crossing, including Redwood Primary, Tawa Primary, St Francis Xavier, Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College.

Approximately 123 trains a day pass through the Tawa area on a week day, including 8-10 freight services operated by KiwiRail and 113 passenger services operated by Transdev Wellington under contract to Greater Wellington Regional Council. Freight services do not stop at the stations and travel through the region at up to 70km per hour (kmh). Some express passenger services also do not stop at all stations. The new Matangi trains introduced to Wellington progressively over the past few years are significantly quieter than the previous trains.



Engineering protection at the Tawa level crossings is as follows:

- Tawa Street, Redwood (half arm barriers, flashing lights and bells, signage, tactile strips)
- Tawa pedestrian crossing, Tawa (electronic gates, signage)
- McLellan Street, Linden (half arm barriers, flashing lights and bells, signage)
- Collins Avenue, Linden (half arm barriers, flashing lights and bells, signage, audible voice warning system and new LED lighting trial).

History of incidents since January 2007

There have been 33 near collisions with pedestrians at level crossings since 1 January 2007 – with the majority occurring at the Collins Avenue and Tawa Street level crossings. 21 near collisions with vehicles were also recorded in the same period.

There has been one fatal pedestrian collision in on 7 February 2012 (ruled intentional self harm by the Coroner) and one vehicle collision in 2010 that resulted in no injuries.

Incidents by type and location

	CPN	CLV	NCPN	NCHV	NCLV	Total
Level crossings	1	1	33		17	52
Collins Avenue	1		13		7	21
Tawa Street		1	13		3	17
McLellan Street			2		3	5
Tawa Pedestrian			5			5
Pascoe Ave					4	4
Open track				2	2	4
Porirua				1	1	2
Tawa				1		1
Kenepuru					1	1
Total	1	1	33	2	19	56

Key:

- CPN: Collision person
 CLV: Collision vehicle
 NCPN: Near collision person
 NCHV: Near collision heavy vehicle
 NCLV: Near collision light vehicle

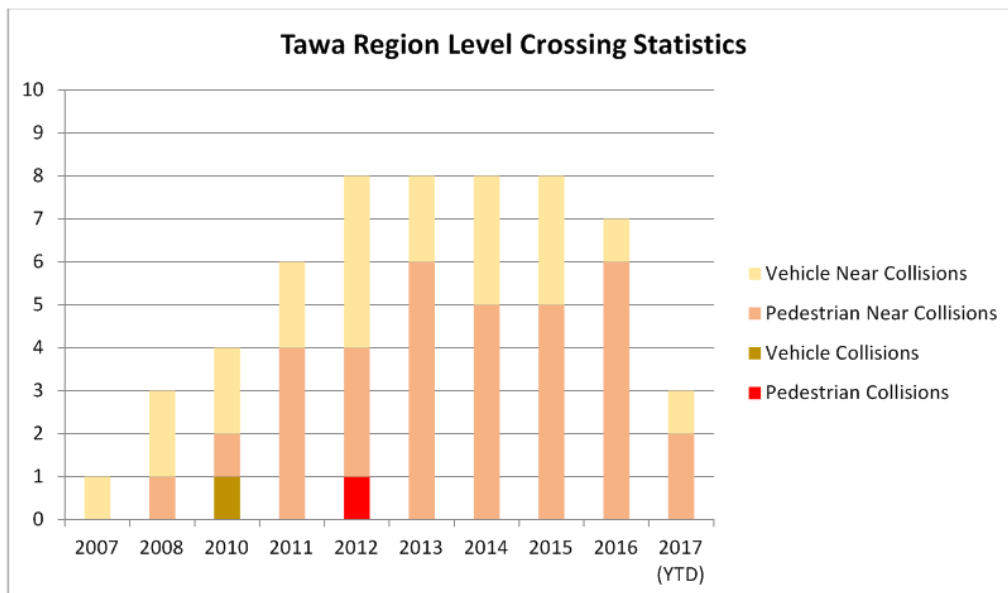
Source: KiwiRail, Incident Reporting Information System (IRIS)



INCIDENTS BY TYPE AND DATE

	Pedestrian Collisions	Vehicle Collisions	Pedestrian Near Collisions	Vehicle Near Collisions	Total
2007			0	1	1
2008			1	2	3
2009			0	0	0
2010		1	1	2	4
2011			4	2	6
2012	1		3	4	8
2013			6	2	8
2014			5	3	8
2015			5	3	8
2016			6	1	7
2017 (YTD)			2	1	3
Grand Total	1	1	33	21	56

SUMMARY



Source: KiwiRail, Incident Reporting Information System (IRIS), 1 January 2007 to 13 April 2017



Notable near misses

Near miss reports are provided by KiwiRail, the State Owned Enterprise that owns and maintains the rail network. KiwiRail's Train Control Centre enters these reports into the rail database system after they are received from the locomotive engineers (train drivers).

Of the 33 near misses with pedestrians reported by drivers since 2007, 14 involved minors or school aged children (ie 42 per cent). The following incidents are worth noting:

COLLINS AVENUE LEVEL CROSSING

- Two children were reportedly "playing chicken" with a train at Collins Ave. A group of students watched the train depart and then ran in front of it (21 May 2015);
- Two boys on bicycles rode around the barrier arms at Collins Avenue as the express service approached (9 November 2012);
- On 4 May 2012 a school age boy ran (laughing and smiling) in front of the train across the southbound line crossing at Collins Avenue. The service was doing approximately 70kmh and came within 20m of hitting the child;
- On 8 July 2011 a college student stepped out in front of a train. The locomotive engineer believed the student to be "playing chicken".

MCLELLAN STREET LEVEL CROSSING

- 25 February 2016 three college girls were close to being hit after running in front of a northbound passenger service, after waiting for a southbound passenger service (refer image below);
- On 4 June 2014, college students walked in front of a southbound service.



Near collision 25 February 2016, image from Matangi express train, travelling 85kmh



TAWA STREET LEVEL CROSSING

- On 29 March 2017 an intermediate student on her bike rode across the down main and came within 20m of being hit by the northbound service, after waiting for the southbound service to pass (refer image below);
- On 10 October 2016 two intermediate school boys had a close near miss, crossing through the signals and not aware of the approaching northbound service, after waiting for the southbound service to pass;
- On 11 May 2015 a jogger crossed through the alarms and was alerted to the train by the blast of its horn, falling back in shock in clear of the tracks;
- Three college students crossed through alarms on 4 June 2014 and were almost hit;
- On 5 November 2012 there was a near miss between a passenger service and a boy on his bicycle. He had waited for the southbound train to clear the crossing and didn't notice the northbound service;
- On 27 September 2011 a toddler was almost hit by an incoming freight train. The parents pulled the child clear just in time.



Near collision 29 March 2017, image from platform CCTV, northbound train travelling 55kmh



Communication to raise awareness

Following near miss reports where young people can be identified, the standard procedure is for the rail operator to make contact with the school involved. Up until June 2016 this was KiwiRail, which operated both freight and metro services through Tawa. From July 2016 the rail operator has been Transdev Wellington. The following are some of the initiatives carried out as a result of some of these near miss reports, particularly involving the past two events at the Tawa Street level crossing.

- Contact made by KiwiRail/Transdev Wellington with Tawa College and Tawa Intermediate. All schools consistently responded by identifying students involved and contacting families. Some Tawa College students have written apology letters to the locomotive engineers involved.
- Schools have included safety messages in newsletters to remind whanau and caregivers to speak to children in their care about safe behaviour around the rail network. Principals and teachers have also spoken to students at school assemblies reminding them of safe behaviour around railway tracks.
- Transdev Wellington and TrackSAFE NZ have raised the idea of combined school-led or community patrols (similar to the road-based 'school patrol' concept) to attend the crossing at peak before and after school hours. This is still under discussion.
- Greater Wellington Regional Council and Councillor Malcolm Sparrow arranged for communication to the community via newsletter mail outs.
- TrackSAFE NZ and NZ Transport Agency have worked together to offer professional development workshops to local schools to explore the rail safety curriculum based resources available on the NZTA website. The original offer was declined by all schools, but Tawa Intermediate has said it will send four teachers to a professional development workshop on 11 May, which will include a presentation on risk taking behaviour in young people.
- Greater Wellington Regional Council (through its Sustainable Transport Co-ordinator) has shared TrackSAFE rail resources on its Movin' March Facebook page and linked to them in its email to 68 registered Wellington schools. They have also featured TrackSAFE on the Movin' March website. TrackSAFE has recently met with Wellington City Council's Transport Safety Education Coordinator to explore further opportunities to connect with the community.
- TrackSAFE NZ has received consent of all parties (including the families of children involved), to use social media to raise awareness in the local community. A post on Facebook following the 10 October 2016 near miss with the two boys reached almost 53 thousand people in the Wellington and Tawa areas, and achieved around 550 "likes" and extensive discussion of the issues. The Facebook post was shared by the Tawa Community Board and other local community groups.



- A press release issued by TrackSAFE in April 2017 resulted in a newspaper article in the Dominion Post on 20 April, and several online news sources. It is hoped the article will also run in Kapi-Mana News. TrackSAFE has also had meetings and telephone calls with the families of some affected students.

Engineering initiatives in Tawa

All crossings in Tawa meet the required standards of the NZ Transport Agency's Traffic Control Devices Manual (Part 9 Level crossings).

Engineering trials of new technologies have commenced at the Collins Avenue level crossing in 2016. In June 2016 a new voice message system was installed which aims to reduce the likelihood of a pedestrian walking out in front of a second train just after a first one has passed.

New LED in-ground lights are also currently being trialled at Collins Avenue, Tawa. The flashing lights are aimed at being an additional alert to pedestrians who might be looking down at their phones and potentially distracted.

KiwiRail held a focus group in Tawa in early 2017 to look at a trial of another new technology to improve safety at level crossings. Trials of this technology are about to commence elsewhere in New Zealand.

The Tawa Street pedestrian crossing has been added to KiwiRail's upgrade programme, with electronic gates scheduled for installation in the 2018 financial year.



Conclusion

TrackSAFE NZ, together with KiwiRail, NZ Transport Agency, Transdev Wellington, Greater Wellington Regional Council and NZ Police are concerned at the rising number of near misses that have occurred at railway level crossings in Tawa since 2007 and in particular the overrepresentation of young people in these statistics.

Collectively we have taken a number of steps to address these issues to attempt to stem any further harm. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues in more detail and work closely with the Tawa Community Board, local schools and other community organisations to further raise awareness of the issues and improve safety in the Tawa area. Rail Safety Week (14-20 August 2017) provides one option for the community to focus on positive safe behaviour messages in Tawa but there may be opportunities for earlier safety awareness campaigns with the community's support.

RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS AND APPROVALS FOR 30 MARCH TO 25 APRIL 2017

Purpose

1. In accordance with an agreement reached with the Tawa Community Board, the purpose of this report is to advise the Board of all resource consents lodged, along with decisions made by Officers acting under Delegated Authority, on Land Use and Subdivision resource consent applications.

Recommendation

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Background

2. This report advises the Community Board of resource consents lodged and decisions made during the period 30 March to 25 April 2017.

Discussion

3. For the period from 30 March to 25 April 2017, there were four applications lodged with the Council.

<i>Service Request</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Applicant</i>
382725	282 Takapu Road	Stuart Woodman
Subdivision: three lot fee simple		
383736	76 Main Road	Storage Solutions 2002 Ltd and Tawa Business Park Ltd
Land Use: additions and alterations to a commercial building		
382690	8 Cullen Place	MacAlister Mazengarb
Cancellation of consent notice condition restricting site coverage		
383633	157 Bing Lucas Drive	George and Angela Evans-Morgan
Variation to consent notice condition for an accessory building		

4. For the period from 30 March to 25 April 2017, there were four applications approved under delegated authority.

Service Request	Address	Applicant
378130	28A Mexted Terrace	Mexted Tce Developments Ltd
Land Use and Subdivision: two new houses with associated earthworks and a two lot fee simple subdivision		
382045	157 Bing Lucas Drive	George and Angela Evans-Morgan
Land Use: construction of storage shed		
382690	8 Cullen Place	MacAlister Mazengarb
Cancellation of consent notice condition restricting site coverage		
383633	157 Bing Lucas Drive	George and Angela Evans-Morgan
Variation to consent notice condition for an accessory building		

Attachments

Nil

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CURRENT AND UPCOMING COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS OR SURVEYS

Purpose

1. To provide the Tawa Community Board with an update on the current items Council is seeking public feedback on and to advise the Board on upcoming items for consultations or surveys the Council is undertaking.

Recommendation

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information

Discussion

Survey

2. Council is currently undertaking a survey regarding predator eradication in Wellington to make Wellington New Zealand's first predator-free city.
3. The initial focus will be on developing a plan to eradicate rats and stoats from the Miramar Peninsula. Wellington City Council will partner with Greater Wellington Regional Council and NEXT Foundation on this project. Engagement with the community will form a large part of this project.
4. The survey on this project closes at 11.50pm on Sunday, 30 April 2017.

Upcoming consultations/community engagement

5. The Council is public feedback on its **Draft 2017/18 Annual Plan** and its 3 year work programme. Community engagement started on Tuesday, 18 April 2017 and closes at 5pm on Friday, 19 May 2017.
6. Council is consulting on its **Draft Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan** which aims to manage and minimise waste in the Wellington region. Consultation opened on Tuesday, 18 April 2017 and closes at 5pm on Friday, 19 May 2017.
7. Council is asking for public feedback on a number of proposed new traffic resolutions for a variety of traffic and parking restrictions (Round 2) and 23 proposed new traffic resolutions in Wellington to enable electric vehicle charging and car sharing in Wellington. Feedback closes at 5pm on Friday, 05 May 2017.
8. Further information is available on Council's website: <http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations>

Options

9. Should the Board wish to participate in the on-line survey, there is no requirement for the Board to formally ratify this.
10. Should the Board wish to make a submission on the Draft 2017/18 Annual Plan or the Draft Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, then the Board will

need to retrospectively approve these submissions at its next meeting scheduled for 08 June 2017.

Attachments

Nil

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Item 3.5

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultation and Engagement

All relevant supporting information and documentation relating to these items are available on Council's website and community input is being sought.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Any Treaty of Waitangi considerations will be taken into account.

Financial implications

Any financial implications will be considered.

Policy and legislative implications

Any policy and legislative implications will be considered.

Risks / legal

Any legal implications and risks will be taken into account.

Climate Change impact and considerations

Climate change impacts (if any) will be considered.

Communications Plan

Further information will be communicated once feedback has been analysed and considered.

FORWARD PROGRAMME

Purpose

1. To provide the Tawa Community Board with a draft work programme for its amendment and approval.

Recommendations

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information.
2. Amend the work programme if necessary.

Discussion

2. Below is the draft work programme for the Board's approval and amendment where necessary:

Thursday, 08 June 2017	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standing Items:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Community Speaker – Vibrant Tawa○ Policing in Tawa○ Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade Update○ Resource Consents○ Upcoming Areas of Consultation, engagement or surveys (if any)○ Tawa Community Board Discretionary Fund Update○ Tawa Community Board Members reports○ Forward Programme• Requested items<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update from WREMO○ Quarterly report for Tawa Library and Linden and Tawa Community Centres○ Proposal for new Tawa Community Service Awards○ Youth Council update	

Attachments

Nil

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultation and Engagement

No consultation or engagement is required.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi considerations associated with this report.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Policy and legislative implications

There are no policy or legislative implications associated with this report.

Risks / legal

There are no risks or legal implications associated with this report.

Climate Change impact and considerations

N/A.

Communications Plan

N/A.