

AGENDA ITEM NO: 14.3	SUBJECT MATTER: REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
REPORT TO: Council	DATE OF MEETING: 25 June 2009
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This report will be presented by the Chairperson of the Regional Planning Committee.

Recommended to Council by the Regional Planning Committee

That the report of the Regional Planning Committee meeting held on 10 June 2009 be received.

MATTER RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE

RESPONSE TO HEARING PANEL MINUTE – LOWER WAITAKI RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

Cr Burke confirmed that at the Council meeting held 28 May 2009 the Council had resolved to delegate to the Regional Planning Committee the power to make a decision on behalf of Council on Commissioner Skelton's minute of 18 May 2009.

Resolved by the Committee

- (a) *That the Council requests the Commissioners to reconvene the hearing to seek a response to the Minute from the parties affected prior to considering granting or refusing the applications.*
- (b) *That the Council requests the Chief Executive to compile relevant information on the annual allocations of existing consents, and a peer review of that information.*
- (c) *That the Council agrees to initiate a change to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Plan to take into account of the intent of the plan by providing for an increase in the annual allocation to agricultural/horticultural activities from the Waitaki River between the Waitaki Dam and Black Point.*
- (d) *That the Council request the Chief Executive to investigate the water use efficiency of existing irrigation consents as an input to a future plan change.*
- (e) *That the Council delays the initiation of a plan change until it is in a position to consider any other changes that may be required to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan.*
- (f) *That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, enabling him to provide the flows that comply with the formulas for environmental flows prescribed in Table 3 of the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan.*
- (g) *That a timeframe and work programme, which will also consider a methodology for stakeholder and community consultation, be presented to the July 2009 Council meeting.*