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**Committee**       **Dangerous Dams Subcommittee**  
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## **Process for considering submissions on proposed Dangerous Dam Policy**

### **1. Purpose**

To agree a process for handling submissions on the Council's proposed dangerous dam policy at the Dangerous Dam Subcommittee meeting on 8 September 2006, and following that meeting.

### **2. Significance of the decision**

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002. The decisions only relate to the process for handling the submissions Greater Wellington has received on its proposed dangerous dam policy.

### **3. Background**

The consultation requirements for the dangerous dam policy are set out in the Building Act 2004 and the Local Government Act 2002. On 22 July 2006, the Council notified the public and dam owners of its proposed dangerous dam policy and invited submissions. The meeting of the Dangerous Dam Subcommittee on 8 September 2006 completes the consultation process on the Council's proposed policy.

### **4. Comment**

Greater Wellington has received four written submissions and is not expecting any oral presentations. It is important that the Subcommittee agrees a robust and transparent process for considering the submissions Greater Wellington receives. At its meeting on 8 September, the Subcommittee will consider the written submissions, including making a decision on the final dangerous dam policy to recommend to Council.

#### **4.1 Written submissions**

All councillors are given a copy of the written submissions Greater Wellington has received. Report 06.437 provides a detailed analysis and recommendations of key points raised in the written submissions.

#### **4.2 Process after Subcommittee meeting to hear and consider submissions**

At the 8 September 2006 meeting, the subcommittee will decide on the final policy to recommend to Council. After the meeting a paper outlining the Subcommittee's recommendation(s) to Council will be prepared by officers and the Subcommittee Chairperson. The Council will decide on its final proposal at its meeting on 17 October 2006.

The Subcommittee's recommendation(s) and Council's decision must be made in light of the submissions that have been received. It must include the reasons for any amendments and the reasons for any rejection of submissions.

Formal replies will be sent to all submitters who have supplied their contact details soon after the Council has made its decision on the final dangerous dam policy. It is proposed that the replies include a brief summary of the reasons for any amendments and the reasons for any rejection of submissions and outline the next steps in the process. It is suggested that these replies be sent from the Subcommittee Chairperson and that the same response be sent to all submitters.

### **5. Communication**

Responses to submitters are discussed under 4.2 above.

### **6. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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