
REPORT 2
(1215/13/IM)

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO THE PROJECT WEST WIND COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

1. Purpose

To appoint a member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to the Project West Wind Community Liaison Group (to be convened by Wellington City Council).

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to appoint a member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to be the Board's representative on the Project West Wind Community Liaison group.*

3. Background

In granting resource consent for the project, the Environment Court has required that a five-member Community Liaison Group be formed and that it should first meet within three months of the start of construction.

Nominations have been called for two residents from the Makara area to join the group.

The Makara/Ohariu Community Board, Wellington City Council and Meridian Energy will each also have a representative on the group.

The group's responsibilities are to:

- Review Meridian Energy's performance in terms of:
 - Noise control
 - The impact of construction traffic
 - Parking management.
- Make recommendations to, and receive feedback from, Meridian Energy in respect of any of the above matters.
- Produce an annual report for presentation to Wellington City Council's Strategy and Policy Committee.
- Review implementation of the Project West Wind noise management plan.

- Work with Meridian to facilitate the establishment of a suitable mechanism for the wellbeing and enhancement of the communities adjoining the site – including Makara, South Makara, Makara Beach and Takarau Gorge.

A process to find the two Makara area representatives has been undertaken by the way of advertising for nominations. As there were three nominations received a postal vote of the residents has been conducted in the Makara, South Makara, Makara Beach and Takarau Gorge areas. Voting closes at 5.00pm on 19 September 2007 with the result being announced on 20 September 2007.

4. Reporting Back

The conditions of the consent require the CLG to report back to the Wellington City Council Strategy and Policy Committee on an annual basis. It would also be prudent for the Board's representative to report back to the Community Board on a regular basis.

5. Selection of Board Member to Community Liaison Group

At the meeting the Chair will be required to call for nominations from the Board for the Board's representative. Should there be more than one nomination for the CLG this will require that the appointment to the vacancy will be made using the open voting system (French Presidential) as provided for under Schedule 7, clause 25 of the Local Government Act 2002 and Wellington City Council Standing Order 185.1.

French Presidential (Open Voting System)

The Local Government Act 2002 provides for the following open voting system to be used for the appointment of elected members to decision making bodies:

- a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and*
- b) *has the following characteristics:-*
 - (i) *there is a first round of voting; and*
 - (ii) *if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and*
 - (iii) *if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and*
 - (iv) *in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.*

It is noted that this Community Liaison Group will be convened by Wellington City Council.

4. Conclusion

It is recommended that a member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board be appointed to the Project West Wind Community Liaison Group (to be convened by Wellington City Council).

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This project supports Outcome 7.2.B – More actively engaged: Wellington will operate an open and honest decision making process that generates confidence and trust in the Democratic system

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications

4) Decision-Making

This is not a significant decision

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Not required

b) Consultation with Maori

Not required

6) Legal Implications

Nil

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy