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Report to Environment Committee  
from Jo Fagan, Policy Advisor

## **2000-01 Regional Plan Implementation Programme**

### **1. Purpose**

To demonstrate that during the 2000-2001 year, the regional plans have been implemented according to the Regional Plan Implementation Programme.

### **2. Background**

All five regional plans are now operative. They are the Regional Coastal Plan, the Regional Freshwater Plan, the Regional Plan for Discharges to Land, the Regional Soil Plan and the Regional Air Quality Management Plan.

This is the third annual report on the implementation of the regional plans. It lists and describes the activities identified in the Regional Plan Implementation Programme that have been undertaken during the 2000-2001 financial year.

### **3. Regional Plan Implementation Activities**

Our regional plans commit the Council to the implementation of non-regulatory policies and methods to achieve objectives. These are being undertaken by staff in the Environment Division, and by staff from other divisions. Some policies and methods refer to ongoing activities that are carried out as part of the core functions of the Council. Others have specified completion dates.

The activities undertaken this year are discussed in Attachments 1 and 2 to this report.

#### 4. **Communication**

Some activities related to regional plan implementation have resulted in positive publicity for the Council during this financial year. In particular, the Council has been able to promote regional plan implementation activities through *Elements* and *Planwell*.

Local and regional newspapers have recorded the Council's involvement in Seaweed 2001, Clean Up NZ Week 2000, community group restoration projects (through the Community Connections/Take Care programme), the Learnwell/Take Action programme with schools, Enviromart, and a number of other community activities. The annual results of environmental monitoring programmes are also reported through media releases to public newspapers.

No specific publicity is proposed in relation to this report.

#### 5. **Recommendation**

*That the report be received and its contents noted.*

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Attachments: 2 (two)