



**Report 08.155**

18 March 2008

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**Report of the Meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee  
held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142  
Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 18 March 2008 at 1.32  
pm**

**Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.**

*Matters for information of the Council are in italic type*

**Present**

Councillors Laidlaw (Chair), Aitken, Bruce, Buchanan, Donaldson, and Wilde.

**Also Present**

Councillors Baber, Lamason, and Wilson.

**Officers Present**

Bradbury, Corry, Davis, Hanna, Kennedy, Porteous, Reay, Shorten, and Skene.

**Public Business**

RS 17      **Apologies**

There were no apologies

RS 18      **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

RS 19      **Public Participation**

**Paula Warren** advocated electrification of the remainder of the railway network in the Wellington region.

RS 20      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr Wilde/Cr Aitken)

*That the Committee*

*Confirms the minutes of 12 February 2008, Report 08.109.*

RS 21      **Milestone 2 Setting Emission Reduction Goals**

**Report 08.143**

File: CP/13/02/01

*Resolved* (Cr Aitken/Cr Donaldson)

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the corporate emission goals for Greater Wellington, with a review in twelve months.*
4. *Develops a draft overall set of “community” goals for the region and a proposed community action plan to achieve these goals.*
5. *Agrees that the draft community goals and proposed “community” action plan be eventually integrated into the work of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.*

**Noted**

- Councillor Bruce asked that his abstention from the vote be recorded.

RS 22 **Biodiversity six-monthly report**

**Report 08.126**

File: ENV/12/07/12

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*

RS 23 **Regional energy strategy**

**Report 08.145**

File: ENV03/03/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Bruce)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*
3. *Approves the Committee and Council Chair to undertake a round of consultations with city and district councils, and other stakeholders in the region, about a regional renewable energy strategy.*

<b>4. Recommends that Council approves the preparation of a regional renewable energy strategy.</b>
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RS 24 **General**

- Councillor Bruce observed that significant energy savings can be made by domestic households, as well as by the construction of major new energy-generating plants.
- The committee expressed its thanks to Mary Hanna for her excellent work.

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm.

CR C R LAIDLAW  
Chairman

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council – 7 April 2008.**

*To be moved:*

**That Council**

**Adopts the report of the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee held on 18 March 2008, items RS 17 to RS 24 inclusive.**