

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2007, FOLLOWING THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 2007

1. IMPROVEMENTS TO DOG CONTROL LEGISLATION

(Memo from Chief Executive – 03.09.07)

At the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 17 August, a letter from the Associate Minister of Local Government, Hon Nanaia Mahuta, was tabled. This letter sought input from Councils in regard to how dog control in New Zealand could be improved from both legislative and non-legislative points of view. Regrettably the letter gave very little time for Councils to investigate the feasibility of any ideas noted.

Councillors will recall a brief discussion that was held towards the end of the Extraordinary Council meeting. Advantage was taken of members of the public who were present, to ascertain their views on possible measures that could be introduced to stem the tide of dangerous and fatal attacks by dogs on the public.

Please find enclosed a letter that was forwarded to the Department of Internal Affairs following the discussions that occurred on 17 August. Unfortunately, the very compressed time frames precluded any measure of meaningful investigation in respect of feasibility of some of the more far reaching ideas being mooted. However, it is hoped that the no-nonsense sentiments expressed in the letter which reflected the sense of frustration and desperation exuded at the Extraordinary Council meeting, will galvanise the powers that be into a meaningful form of action.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received

AND THAT the enclosed letter forwarded to the Department of Internal Affairs be endorsed.

2. REGULATORY BULLETIN

(Memo from Chief Executive – 03.09.07)

Attached is a schedule of building consents issued for August 2007, together with comparisons with the previous two years.

Also attached are schedules of resource consents issued to 31 August 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.