

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 20 APRIL 2010, AT 5 PM

**Stephen Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

14 April 2010

A G E N D A

1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BUILDING ACT 2004

(Memo from Chief Executive – 14.04.10)

The Department of Building and Housing has issued a discussion document entitled “Cost Effective Quality Next Generation Building Control in New Zealand.” The discussion document, copy attached, is a precursor to proposed amendments to the Building Act 2004 which are designed to reduce congestion and bureaucracy that has afflicted building consent processes since the 2004 Act came into law.

While the Department and Minister’s objectives are noble, there is considerable concern amongst building control staff around the country about the details of what is being proposed and the potential risks to public safety. The mood for relaxation of regulatory control appears to have had little regard for the painful lessons learnt from the light-fingered regulatory approach of the 1990s which spawned the current leaky building crisis.

Attached is a draft submission prepared by the Building Control Manager, Russell Paterson and myself which we would like the Council to endorse before it is despatched to the Department of Building and Housing. The due date for receipt of submissions is 23 April.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council endorse the proposed submission to the Department of Building and Housing on its proposed review of the Building Act 2004.