

Audit report

AUDIT NEW ZEALAND

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Statement to the readers of Christchurch city council's Long-term council community plan, as amended on 22 June 2010, for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009

Purpose of Statement

The primary purpose of this statement is to inform readers that we have no role to report, and do not give an opinion, on Christchurch City Council's (the City Council's) adopted amendment or its Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP), as amended.

This statement informs readers about the City Council's process of amending its LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 and the extent, and limit, of our involvement in that process.

The City Council's process of amending its LTCCP commencing 1 July 2009 and our involvement

The City Council adopted its LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 on 30 June 2009. The Auditor-General appointed me, Scott Tobin, using the staff and resources of Audit New Zealand, to report on his behalf on the LTCCP adopted on that date.

We expressed an unqualified opinion on the City Council's LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 in our report dated 30 June 2009. We considered that the LTCCP adopted on 30 June 2009 provided a reasonable basis for long term integrated decision-making by the City Council and for participation in decision-making by the public and subsequent accountability to the community about the activities of the City Council.

In forming our overall opinion, we reported on specific matters required by section 94(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

In a Statement of Proposal dated 11 March 2010 the City Council proposed an amendment to its LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 to allow for a possible change in the level of ownership and control in Christchurch City Networks Limited.

We expressed an unqualified opinion on this Statement of Proposal in our audit report dated 11 March 2010.

We considered that the information within the Statement of Proposal, about the proposed amendment to the LTCCP and any consequential amendments to the LTCCP that would be required if it was amended in the manner proposed, was fairly presented, and that the City Council had complied with the applicable requirements of the Act in preparing the Statement of Proposal.

In forming our overall opinion, we reported on specific matters required by section 84(4) of the Act.

On 22 June 2010 the City Council adopted the proposed amendment to its LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 to allow for a possible change in the level of ownership and control in Christchurch City Networks Limited. The City Council has prepared the LTCCP, as amended to reflect the amendments adopted by the City Council on 22 June 2010, and any consequential amendments.

We do not give an opinion on the City Council's adopted amendment or its LTCCP, as amended. There is no legislative requirement for us to report on the adopted amendment or the LTCCP, as amended by City Council on 22 June 2010 and we have not performed an audit of either the adopted amendment or the LTCCP as amended. Consequently we have not updated our audit report that was attached to the LTCCP adopted on 30 June 2009.

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