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Date	20 February 2019
To	Caroline Hart
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From	Lesley Woudberg

Secondment to Lower Waitaki Zone Committee

Purpose

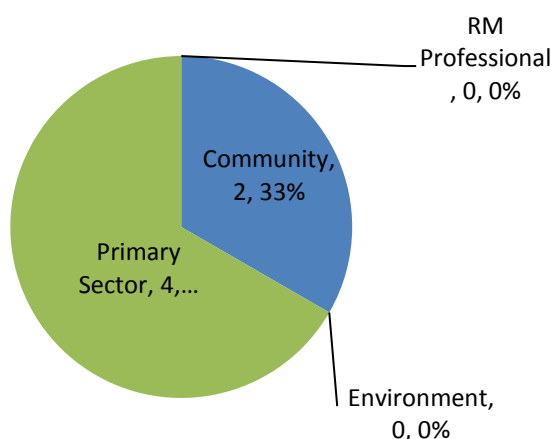
To seek your approval to fund (\$4,000 pa plus mileage) the secondment of a community member to the Lower Waitaki Zone committee.

Background

The Lower Waitaki Zone Committee currently has five community members appointed to the committee. The mix of community member interests, however, is biased toward the agriculture sector (Figure 1).

The committee recognises that this current balance of interests limits their ability to consider a wider range of views held in the community and can undermine the committee's credibility.

Figure 1 Interest of Community Member on Lower Waitaki Zone Committee



The committee has found a community member (**Emily Anderson**) who provides a different view and who is willing to be seconded to the committee.

Emily Anderson - Bio

Emily lives in rural North Otago. She has been passionate about environmental sustainability from a young age which led to a degree in Resource Management from

Lincoln University, a post graduate diploma in Environmental Education from Teachers College and currently pursuing a master's degree in Environmental Management from Massey University.

Emily has worked in the Lower Waitaki Zone in Environmental Advisory roles for the last 4 and a half years. Her previous work included a focus around the Wainono Projects including the Hook Farm Environment Plan Project. She has also initiated and facilitated many catchment and steering groups in the zone two of which she is still involved with; the Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group and the Black Hole Enhancement Group.

Over the years Emily has developed and maintained many key relationships with important stakeholders in the Lower Waitaki Zone including farmers, industry and rūnanga. Emily's farming background has helped in her different roles and she is able to draw on her upbringing in many situations.

At its meeting 13 February 2019 the committee resolved;

1. *The Lower Waitaki South Canterbury Zone Committee endorses that Emily Anderson be appointed as an additional community member; and*
2. *That this be endorsed by the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee councillor from Waimate District Council, Waitaki District Council, Environment Canterbury councillor and Arowhenua and Waihao Rūnanga representatives; and*
3. *That Emily be invited to the March meeting.*

The Committee's Terms of Reference states

"Any Committee may co-opt such other expert or advisory members as it deems necessary to ensure it is able to achieve its purpose. Any such co-option will be on a non-voting basis."

Given a Committee's decision-making is by consensus in reality the caveat "non-voting basis" means little differentiation among committee members.

Financial Implications

It seems only fair that Emily be able to claim the honorarium (\$4,000 pa) and be reimbursed mileage. Normally Environment Canterbury would cover half the cost and the district councils the other half.

In this situation and given the endorsement of all three councillors (Waitaki, Waimate and ECan) I suggest the secondment does not require formal decisions of all three councils. I also suggest that Environment Canterbury covers the secondment honorarium and mileage.

Next year (2020) when the Lower Waitaki zone committee goes through a refreshment process I suggest Emily goes through the normal selection and appointment process.