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## Human Rights Commission Inquiry into Accessible Land Transport

### 1. Purpose

To adopt part one of a submission to go to the Human Rights Commission (HRC) regarding their inquiry into accessible land transport.

To agree to delegate to the Committee Chairperson the authority to approve additional submissions.

### 2. Comment

Our submission to the HRC on accessible land transport will be in three parts. The first part responds to the set of questions posed by the HRC consultation report, April 2004. Here we are responding to what we believe is a very limited element of the accessible land transport issue, primarily concerned with physical access to public passenger transport. The second part of our submission will cover the broader issue of access and mobility for transport disadvantaged groups. The third part will be very much a story of how Greater Wellington is endeavouring to tackle the problem of access and mobility for those that are disadvantaged using the Hutt Valley bus review process as an example of good practice.

The HRC undertook research into international best practice and consulted with a range of interested parties. From this they produced a consultation report which was released in April 2004. A copy of that consultation document was provided to each Councillor around that time.

We engaged Booz Allen Hamilton to review the work undertaken by the Commission and to prepare a response to the questions raised in the consultation document. We have held meetings with Booz Allen Hamilton staff and staff of the Commission. We are satisfied that the international research reported in the consultation document is up to date and accurate.

**Attachment 1**, the Booz Allen Hamilton draft submission on the consultation document deals with the questions raised in it, this is part 1 of our proposed submission.

Parts 2 and 3 of our proposed submission are close to completion and will be used primarily as part of our oral presentation to the Commission in October. These proposed additional submissions will be circulated to all Committee members as soon as possible. The closing date for submissions is 31 August. The Committee is asked to delegate to the Chairperson the authority to approve these additional submissions.

### **3. Communication**

There is nothing additional to communicate.

### **4. Recommendation**

1. *That the submission on the questions raised in the Human Rights Commission consultation report be forwarded to the Human Rights Commission Inquiry Into Accessible Land Transport.*
2. *That the Committee Chairperson be delegated the authority to approve any additional submissions to the Human Rights Commission Inquiry.*

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#### **Attachment:**

1. Booz Allen Hamilton draft submission – part 1