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Proposed ten-year plan submissions

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Dear Sir,

Submission on Draft LTCCP 2006-2016

The Trust (PICT) has considered the contents of the draft Plan and has the following comments to make.

First, PICT is grateful for the support, both in terms of finance and services, that the Council has put into implementation of the Pauatahanui Inlet Action Plan. The proposed continuation of this is most heartening and will go a significant way in continuing to ensure the preservation and protection of one of the region's (and the nation's!) important natural water bodies.

In regard to the Plan however the Trust finds it difficult to assess, under the broadbrush approach adopted, the detail of Plan proposals affecting the Inlet. All proposals are merely included in a gross figure relating to a number of generic projects and we are not, as a consequence, able to understand what action is intended by Council or the actual amount of expenditure proposed.

It is important to have a better understanding of how the stated allocation of funds will be split up amongst the individual projects, so we can be aware of what is budgeted for the Inlet and also understand what is the perceived significance of the project(s) we are interested in. As the Plan is written this cannot be determined, nor is it explained where such information can be obtained – though we presume it is available somewhere.

PICT understands and accepts the Council needs to have a degree of flexibility in its Plan statements to cope with changing or unexpected circumstances, but to be able to comment intelligently on the draft Plan's contents the public needs to know more detail about matters of individual interest, or at least to know where it can obtain the expanded information.

As it stands the draft Plan is a very good broadbrush document but one that leaves the reader unclear about just how bodies like PICT are affected by the proposed actions. Or even what those proposed actions are! We accept that there must

necessarily always be a fine line between detail and flexibility, but we think it has not been appropriately fixed here.

PICT would like the opportunity of speaking to this submission and elaborating on its concerns. Please regard this as a request to appear before and speak to the Hearings body.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman

Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust