

E.1 FUTURE OF THE WHENUAPAI AIRBASE

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RESOLVED

- a) That the report be received.
- b) That the Regional Growth Forum accept the conclusion of the Joint Officials Group report on Whenuapai and request that the relevant local authorities work with the Crown to progress this conclusion.
- c) That the Regional Growth Forum recommend to the Minister of Defence, that from a regional strategic perspective the Airport with Ancillary Activities option should proceed to the next stage in the disposal process.
- d) That the Regional Growth Forum recognises that there are significant community concerns about the Airport with Ancillary Activities option, particularly noise and these issue needs to be the subject of the detailed assessment including consultation with affected communities as required to meet good practice under RMA.
- e) That in the event that the Waitakere City Council and/or any party wishes to secure the Whenuapai Airbase as an airport with ancillary activities it must be on the basis that:
 - i) There is a further report by the Joint Officials Group, and consultation with, the Northern and Western Sector Agreement members on:
 - Mechanisms to ensure that the nature and areal extent of ancillary activities is limited to those necessary for the airport option.
 - Mechanisms to ensure that the balance of the land on the airbase is held or used in a way that is not contrary to the regional strategic direction nor compromise the airport activity.
 - Mechanisms which ensure the protection of the coastal margins.
 - ii) All designations, including the establishment of appropriate noise contours, plan changes and resource consent applications proceed through a fully integrated RMA process. This process should include joint notification, reporting and hearings.
- f) That the Minister of Defence be requested to ensure that central government officials are part of any future work by the Joint Officials Group.
- g) That the Ministers of Defence and for Auckland Issues be advised that for significant issues such as the future of Whenuapai Airbase there should be a collaborative whole of central government and regional government approach to determining how these issues are to be addressed.
- h) That the government, Minister of Defence and the New Zealand Defence Force be requested that appropriate elements of the Royal New Zealand Air Force remain at Whenuapai beyond the Year 2007.