



Announcement

Regional Council Future's Workshop 2010

3rd November 2010

West Plaza Hotel – Wellington

930 to 2pm (or so)

Invitation to: Key Regional Council staff (up to 3 per council) – i.e., Senior Science Manager, Senior Policy Manager plus the Convenors of Special Interest Groups involved in Science.

Workshop Purpose: To discuss and prioritise the key environmental and hazard issues facing Regional Councils in the next 10 to 20 years and to identify research needs to deal with these issues. Input from the workshop will form the basis for updating the Regional Council Research Strategy.

Background: In March 2009, the Regional Councils CEO Forum approved the implementation of the RC's Research, Science & Technology Strategy. One of the Goals of the Strategy is to ensure that it is kept up to date. The Strategy and the associated Critical Issues and Research Needs document (available at www.Envirolink.govt.nz) have proved invaluable in coordinating science thinking across Regional Councils and in providing direction to Government on science funding and delivery priorities.

Contributions to the Futures Workshop will be coming from Special Interest Groups involved in science, and also the recent Regional Council Science Roadshow, at which councils were asked for input on their key issues facing them over the next 10 years.

Workshop Format: (see agenda attached)

Scene Setting – Presentations from Bob Frame – a “futurist” with Landcare Research “What does New Zealand’s future look like?” Followed by more specific forward-looking presentations on by Chris Arbuckle (MAF), and Justine Daw (FRST).

Presentation of Critical Issues – SIG representatives will present a synopsis of the most critical issues/research needs relative to their areas. Summarised council input from the Science Roadshow will be summarised and pre-circulated prior to the workshop.

Expected Outcome – An agreed ranked (into priority classes) list of Critical Issues and Research Needs facing Regional Councils.

Please confirm attendance with Bill Dyck, the Regional Council Research Coordinator Bill Dyck (BillDyck@xtra.co.nz).

On behalf of Gary Bedford (Chair - Science Advisory Group)



Agenda

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- 0900 - 930** Coffee available
- 0930** Introduction to workshop (Gary Bedford – Chair Science Advisory Group)
- 0945** Bob Frame (Landcare Research) – Wicked problems and clumsy solutions (20 min)
- 1010** Chris Arbuckle (MAF) – Future water (20 min)
- 1035** Coffee
- 1050** Justine Daw (FRST) – Future science (20 min)
- 1115** Special Interest Group (SIG) presentations (8 min each)
- 1230** Lunch
- 0100** SIGs continued
- 0130 pm** Discussion (Gary Bedford)
- 2 pm** End