

# Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill - Council submission to the Parliamentary Governance and Administration Committee

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<b>TO</b>	Thames-Coromandel District Council
<b>FROM</b>	Peter Wishart - Strategic Relationships Manager
<b>DATE</b>	11 December 2017
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill - Council submission to the Parliamentary Governance and Administration Committee</b>

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## **1 Purpose of Report**

To seek Council's approval for its draft submission to the Parliamentary Governance and Administration Committee in regard to the Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill (the Bill).

## **2 Background**

The Bill was introduced into the Parliament on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 by local MP Hon. Scott Simpson as a local bill, and passed its First Reading on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 being then referred to a Parliamentary Select Committee for consideration. The House then went into adjournment pending the November 2017 General Election.

The intent of the Bill is to empower the Thames–Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council, on behalf of their communities, to prepare a mangrove management plan for the coastal area of their districts to achieve and maintain acceptable levels of mangrove vegetation in order to restore, protect, and enhance any amenity values or ecosystems of the coastal area.

After the General Election, and the installation of the new Government, the Governance and Administration Committee has since called for submissions to the Bill with the period for submission closing on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2018. The Committee is scheduled to report back to the House on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

## **3 Issue**

Council needs to approve the draft submission to the Governance and Administration Committee which has been prepared in consultation with Her Worship, the Mayor and which is attached to this report as **Attachment A**.

## **4 Discussion**

The Governance and Administration Committee will consider all written submissions, and oral submissions in support of the former, before submitting its report and recommendations to the full Committee of the House. In lodging a submission this Council gains standing before the Committee.

## **5 Suggested Resolution(s)**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approve the draft submission to the Parliamentary Governance and Administration Committee in regard to the Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill and directs the Chief Executive to lodge two copies of the submission with the Committee's Secretariat before the close of the submission period on 23rd February 2018.

## **References - Agenda Attachments**

**Attachment A** *Draft Thames-Coromandel District Council submission to the Parliamentary Governance and Administration Committee on the Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill.*

*Attachment A*

[TCDC Draft Submission on the TCDC and HDC Mangrove Management Bill](#)