



Waikato : he reo kotahi  
Waikato : one voice

**TO:** Waikato Plan Joint Committee

**FROM:** Waikato Plan Project Director

**DATE:** 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

**FILE REFERENCE:** 051302

**SUBJECT:** Waikato Plan: Presentation from Professor Iain White, University of Waikato

#### **DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the verbal report '*Presentation from Professor Iain White, University of Waikato*'.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an opportunity for the Waikato Plan Joint Committee to learn more about spatial planning practice from an internationally recognised expert, including the potential outcomes and benefits of spatial planning. Professor White will discuss opportunities for the Plan to:

- Provide a voice for the Waikato
- Better attract and direct capital into the Waikato
- 'Brand' the region and sub-regions
- Protect natural assets that have economic and social value
- Explore economies of scale that can generate future cost savings

## **Impact of Decision**

For information only.

## **Budget Implications**

There are no budget implications associated with this report.

## **Risk Profile**

Low.