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- Waimakariri District Council (Richard Johnson, Kathy Perreau, Mary Sparrow).

The case studies have been a significant part of the urban amenity project and have provided practical examples for the 'The Quality of Our Built Environments – An Urban Amenity Guide'.

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# 1. Purpose of the case studies

One of the objectives of the Ministry for the Environment's Urban Amenity Project was:

*“To develop a series of case studies with a wide range of councils. The case studies would illustrate different tools and techniques for defining urban amenity, developing RMA plan provisions based on this definition, and developing monitoring requirements for the plan provisions.”*

When the case studies for the Urban Amenity Project were set up the intention was to explore the development of tools and templates to:

- define urban amenity;
- manage urban amenity (through plan provisions and other means);
- monitor urban amenity (including developing indicators to monitor changes in urban amenity), and;
- effectively monitor the urban amenity provisions in resource management plans.

This report is a collation of the case study reports prepared by council staff or their consultants, from:

- Auckland City Council;
- Christchurch City Council;
- Palmerston North City Council;
- Tasman District Council; and
- Waimakariri District Council.

These reports and the ideas contained in them have been used as background material for the 'The Quality of Our Built Environments: An Urban Amenity Guide' (which is available from the Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington, Phone 04 917 7400). People reading this background report may also wish to refer to "Technical Report 66: Urban Amenity Trials" for a full copy of the trialling reports from the councils involved with the urban amenity trials.

