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## Acknowledgements

This report is a collation of the council trialling reports, prepared by the councils involved in the trials for the Ministry for the Environment's Urban Amenity Project. The trials for the Urban Amenity Project have been assisted by a Joint Venture Team comprising Karen Bell (Enviro Solutions New Zealand Limited) and Peter Glasson and Fiona Hill (Glasson Potts Fowler Limited). The reports contained here were prepared by each of the councils involved.

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- Rotorua District Council (Stephen Colson, Ingrid Haverkamp, Calum Revfem)
- Waimakariri District Council (Richard Johnson, Nick Harrison, Mary Sparrow).
- Waitakere City Council (Philip Brown)

The trials have been a significant part of the Urban Amenity Project and have provided practical examples for 'The Quality of Our Built Environments – An Urban Amenity Guide'. They also provided a means to test the ideas that were developed during the Focus Group Meetings.

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*A review of the participatory appraisal approach in the community of Ngongotaha using the methodology that had been developed in the Urban Amenity Project.*

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*Applying the ideas developed under the Urban Amenity Project to the information obtained by the Council in the New Lynn charrette.*

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*A workshop which involved amending the Ministry for the Environment's P-S-R template for the development of bio-physical indicators so that Council's could apply it to the development of urban amenity indicators.*

# **1. Purpose of the Trials**

The purpose of the trials was to apply different approaches to identifying, managing, monitoring and reviewing urban amenity at the local level.

This background report (Technical Report 66) contains a full description of the trial that was undertaken by each council involved, and also outlines the results that were obtained from each of the trials.

These trialling reports, the ideas contained in them and the lessons learnt 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 65: Urban Amenity Case Studies” for a full copy of the case study reports from the councils involved with the urban amenity case studies.