

6. REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION STRATEGY - FEEDBACK

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The purpose of this report is to summarise the outcome of the first meeting of the working group.

BACKGROUND

On 2 September the Subcommittee resolved that the Constituting Agreement Review Working Party be requested to prepare a strategy and budget for regional waste minimisation, and that it report back to the November 2002 meeting of the Subcommittee. (As the Constituting Agreement has been developed, this working group could be renamed the *Regional Strategy Working Group*.)

The Working Party held its first meeting on 25 October, and resolved to invite any interested representatives from member councils to attend future meetings. The outcomes of the meeting were:

1. A request that all territorial local authorities provide updated information on volumes recycled, recovered and reused.
2. A request for all territorial local authorities to provide copies of respective waste management plans to be circulated at next Subcommittee meeting.
3. Three projects were identified (discussed below) for this financial year. The next meeting of the working group on 3 December will develop a strategy for the 2003/04 financial year, and as per the new Constituting Agreement this draft strategy will be circulated to member councils for approval.

2002/03 STRATEGIES

Project	Description	Proposed Agents	Date	Budget
I. Economics of dealing with regional organics	Determine practical good practice options for diverting organics from the waste stream for large and small communities in Canterbury, including costs and avoided costs.	CCC Staff: Tony Moore and Gill Pontin	March 2003	
II. Construction and Demolition materials	Determine practical guidelines and costs for separation and beneficial use of C&D in Canterbury, including potential regulatory options.	City Solutions and RMF	March 2003	Under \$10,000
III. Regional seminars	Interactive one-day presentations and discussions about examples of current practices in local areas, plus options for local and regional options for the future	All member councils – perhaps centred at Rangiora and Ashburton	March 2003	Minimal

LEGAL OPINION REQUESTED BY CWSC

Attached in the public excluded section of the agenda is a legal opinion as requested by CWSC setting out the potential review options for resource consents for existing landfills. This was requested as background to the proposed meeting of the Subcommittee with the Ministers for the Environments and Commerce on various waste related issues including the need for landfill standards (not just Guidelines).

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Recommendation: That the information be received.