

12. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 18 MARCH 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2003.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Mike Mora, Lesley Keast and Paddy Austin. Bob Shearing, Peter Laloli and Ishwar Ganda were also present.

Paddy Austin was not present for Clause 1 and the site visit component of Clause 2.

**1. SHOWGATE RESERVE – PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL**

The Parks and Waterways Advocate (Rod Whearty) sought Board approval to remove the remaining Poplar trees on Showgate Reserve, due to the damage that they are causing to adjoining properties, and to replace them with a more appropriate species.

The use of these Poplar trees is not new to the Board, in April 2002 the Board agreed to remove some of the Poplars, and that (these) the remaining trees be reviewed at a future time.

The trees in question are in good condition, and have excellent vigour and form.

At maturity the trees could grow to forty metres, and would be inappropriate for their current location, however.

The Parks and Waterways Unit recommend that these remaining trees be removed and replaced with semi-mature trees.

The recommendation from the Committee is recorded in Clause 3 of this report.

**2. ON-SITE INSPECTION – OWAKA HARDFILL SITE**

For some time now the Committee has had concerns about on-site management practices and resource consent compliance issues at this pit.

The Committee's concerns were picked up on by senior management of the pit operator, Envirowaste Services Ltd, Auckland.

An on-site inspection was undertaken, with Cr Diana Shand (Ecan) and Mises Carla Wilson and Emma Ross of Envirowaste. Richard Purdon (Ecan Compliance Officer) was present also.

Returning to the Service Centre, an action plan was tabled, which was accepted by the Committee.

In thanking those who attended, the Committee Chairperson proposed that the Committee:

- Welcomes the initiative of Envirowaste Services Ltd to meet with members to discuss the Owaka site.
- Recognises the actions to date to meet compliance standards.
- Acknowledges the much improved quality of hardfill, but is concerned with the amount of timber being dumped.
- Welcomes the proposed future action plan and hope that a quality benchmark of deposited materials can be established.

The Committee endorsed the above.

**3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the Community Board agree to the removal of the remaining Poplar trees on Showgate Reserve, and that more appropriate species be planted.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee recommendation be adopted.