

## 7. DRAFT LANDFILL CLASSIFICATION AND WASTE ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

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The Ministry for the Environment recently called for comments on its draft report on landfill classification and waste acceptance criteria in which it proposed:

- A national approach for controlling the disposing of wastes, to overcome the current regional inconsistencies;
- A landfill classification system, in which Class A landfills are those that are consistent with best practice site selection and design standards that reduce potential adverse environmental impacts and Class B landfills are those which do not meet Class A siting and design standards and therefore pose a greater risk to the environment;
- That Class B landfills, which meet a lower standard of environmental protection than Class A landfills, be subject to more stringent waste acceptance criteria than Class A landfills. The waste acceptance criteria for Class B landfills have been set an order of magnitude lower than those for Class A landfills i.e one tenth of the Class A standards;
- A suite of three “tools” for determining whether waste is acceptable for disposal: the wastes designated as hazardous on the New Zealand Waste List, total concentrations of contaminants, and Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) criteria (a test that indicates the potential for contaminants to leach out of the waste); and
- A list of prohibited wastes.

Attachment A to this report contains the report and submissions of the Christchurch City Council (which form part of the 11 December 2003 Council agenda), and Attachment B contains the submission from Canterbury Waste Services Ltd on behalf of Transwaste Canterbury Ltd.

Due to the deadlines for submissions the draft Christchurch submission and the CWS submission have already been forwarded to the Ministry for the Environment, and are attached here for information.

**Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** For information.