

4. REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on the September 2003 regional waste minimisation report.

BACKGROUND

On 8 September 2003 the Subcommittee resolved:

“That the options contained within the report be investigated, costed and reported back to the October 2003 meeting of the Subcommittee.”

The three proposed projects are:

- Review existing waste data from all districts to determine the likely volumes of recyclables (including potential recyclables) and their current disposal paths. Where this information does not exist selective audits may be necessary to determine what is currently in the Canterbury waste stream.
- A detailed analysis needs to be undertaken to look at transport costs (and related issues) for moving recovered material around the Canterbury region.
- A detailed analysis of the pros and cons of some (or all) of the advocacy type projects needs to be carried out, and the results debated. A long term programme of action could subsequently be developed to move forward on those projects that are seen to be best supported regionally.

The Recovered Materials Foundation (RMF) was approached to submit proposals for the first two projects (see Attachment 1).

Regarding the proposal for the first study (*Review existing waste data from all districts to determine the likely volumes of recyclables (including potential recyclables) and their current disposal paths*), it is recommended that the proposal from the RMF be accepted at a cost of \$4,200.

Regarding the second project (*A detailed analysis needs to be done to look at transport costs*), the RMF will be present at the meeting to seek clarification on certain aspects before being able to provide a final proposal.

The Christchurch City Council has proposed to prepare a report for consideration by the Subcommittee on the third project (*a detailed analysis of the pros and cons of some (or all) of the advocacy type projects*), and will work with member councils on this.

SUMMARY

In order to proceed with the regional waste minimisation initiatives as identified in the September 2003 report, certain studies are required. The RMF's proposal for the first study is recommended as the RMF is well positioned to do this study, and will provide a final proposal for the second study. The Christchurch City Council has offered to do a report on the third study.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the proposal by the Recovered Materials Foundation for the first study as detailed in the report be accepted.
 2. That the funding of the study be allocated in terms of the cost sharing provisions of the Constituting Agreement (see Attachment 2).

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.