

13. WASTMINZ 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, NELSON 4-6 NOVEMBER 2003

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The purpose of this report is to seek the support of the Committee for the attendance of the Chairman and Councillor Sally Buck at the above conference.

The Annual Wastminz Conference will be held this year in Nelson from Tuesday 4 November to Thursday 6 November 2003. Several keynote speakers have been arranged, including speakers from the USA and Canada, who will present on subjects related to the delivery of programmes to change environmental behaviour and sustainable approaches to waste minimisation. In addition a number of workshops have also been organised covering relevant topics such as:

- Waste Strategy/Programmes
- Business Care
- Waste Exchange
- Composting and Organic Waste
- Case Studies
- Site Visits

COSTS

Estimated costs for the attendance of two people at this conference is as follows:

Airfare	\$306
Accommodation	\$780
Registration	\$1,671
Miscellaneous	\$150

Total (GST exclusive)	\$2,907
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SUMMARY

This annual conference provides an excellent opportunity for elected representatives to meet with other local authority Councillors and staff and overseas waste minimisation practitioners to exchange information and to be updated on current technologies and programmes. Both the Chairman and Councillor Sally Buck have expressed a wish to attend and the support of the Committee is sought for this.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Committee recommend the attendance of Councillors Denis O'Rourke and Sally Buck at the 15th Annual Wastminz Conference.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.