

3. RESOURCE CONSENT HEARINGS – COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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The purpose of this report is to propose the appointment of Councillors as Commissioners to hear and make decisions on resource consents during the period from October until December 1998.

Each time there is a local body election, there is a period of time between the date of the Returning Officer's declaration and the next meeting of the new Council, during which the hearings panels are unable to meet. At the last election this difficulty was overcome by the Council resolving to appoint all current Councillors as Commissioners, for the purpose of being a member of a hearings panel of not less than three members. This allowed persons who were Councillors to continue to hear and make decisions on resource consents during this interim period.

This worked well and it is proposed that the same arrangement be made to cover the forthcoming transitional period.

- Recommendation:**
1. That pursuant to Section 34(3) of the Resource Management Act, the Council appoints each current Councillor of the Christchurch City Council as a Commissioner for the purpose of being a member of a hearings panel of not less than three members. This appointment will cover the period from the official declaration by the Returning Officer until the day after the inaugural meeting of the new Council in 1998.
 2. That pursuant to Section 34(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Council delegate to any such constituted hearings panel all of the matters currently delegated to the Resource Management Hearings Panel.