

18. OPTIONS FOR BATTERY RECYCLING

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The Committee was informed of the options being considered for disposing of or recycling batteries other than lead acid batteries which are already being commercially collected and recycled in Wellington.

From the information available it is only Ni-Cd batteries that have potential to cause adverse environmental effects if disposed of in landfill sites. All other batteries are either non-hazardous or are in such small quantities any environmental effects would be insignificant.

The Committee has requested that the economics of a kerbside collection of rechargeable Ni-Cd batteries be investigated.