

157TH MEETING

OF

THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 5 JUNE 1998**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Ms Vicki Buck (Chairperson).
Councillors Carole Anderton, Graham Berry, David Close,
Anna Crighton, Newton Dodge, Carole Evans, Morgan Fahey,
Gordon Freeman, Ishwar Ganda, Alister James, Lesley Keast,
Garry Moore, Margaret Murray, Denis O'Rourke, Gail Sheriff,
Barbara Stewart and Ron Wright.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors
Oscar Alpers, David Buist, Graham Condon, David Cox, Pat Harrow,
Ian Howell and Charles Manning.
An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Councillor Carole
Evans who arrived at 2.40 pm.

1. SUBMISSIONS ON ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY REFORM BILL

Consideration was given to the report, previously circulated, from the Director of Finance containing a draft submission to the Commerce Select Committee on the Electricity Industry Reform Bill.

Councillor James moved "*That the draft submission be adopted by the Council*". The motion was seconded by Councillor Close.

Amendments to the draft submission were then moved as follows:

Councillor Close moved "*That submission 3.3 be amended to read 'That in determining whether an entity is in the business of electricity supply, generation as a bi-product of other processes should not be treated as generation; or alternatively the threshold for exclusion from the definition of electricity supply business or an electricity lines business be raised from 0.5 GWh per annum to 15 GWh per annum'*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Murray.

Councillor O'Rourke moved "*That submission 3.2 be amended to read 'That the threshold for limiting cross ownership be lifted from 10% to 50%'*". The motion was seconded by Councillor Anderton.

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Councillor Moore moved *“That paragraph 2.2 should be amended to indicate that it is the view of the Council that the compulsory divestment clause of the proposed bill is contrary to the principles of the free market, and that in relation to submission 3.1 mention be made of the fact that it is considered to be an infringement of human rights to single out individual Councillors in this definition”*.

The Director of Finance suggested the term “debt” in submission 4.4 be amended to “equity” as this was more appropriate.

Councillor James moved *“That the amendments as proposed be approved”*. The motion was seconded by the Mayor and when put to the meeting was declared **carried**.

It was also agreed that two representatives from the Council attend the Select Committee to speak to the submission.

2. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 1.20 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 1998

MAYOR