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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
28 JULY 1999**

**A meeting of the Environment Committee  
was held on Wednesday 28 July 1999 at 10.00am**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Anna Crighton (Chairman),  
Councillors Robin Booth, Barry Corbett,  
Carole Evans, Pat Harrow, Sally Thompson  
and Sue Wells.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and  
accepted from Councillors Lesley Keast and  
Charles Manning.

Councillor Pat Harrow arrived at 10.30am and was  
not present for part of clause 1.

Councillor Sally Thompson arrived at 10.40am and  
was not present for part of clause 1.

The Committee reports that:

**PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. NEW PESTS DISCUSSION DOCUMENT**

Consideration was given to the Canterbury Regional Council's Regional Pest Management Strategy discussion document on new pests.

The report dealt with the four categories into which organisms have been divided being:

- (A) Regional Pest Management Strategy
- (B) Those pests that should be put under regional surveillance
- (C) Those for which other initiatives by the Regional Council are appropriate
- (D) Those that require no further Regional Council action

Within each category a range of options was provided by which to reach particular objectives.

The Committee **decided** that the Canterbury Regional Council be advised that in terms of the discussion documents the Christchurch City Council's preference on the various organisms and pests is as follows:

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**CATEGORY A - REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

1. Wasps -RPMS Option 1
2. Possums - RPMS Option 2
3. Mustellids and Feral Cats - RPMS Option 1
4. Feral Deer, Feral Pigs and Feral Goats - RPMS Option 1
5. Boneseed - RPMS Option 1
6. Wild Thyme - Transfer to Category B Regional Surveillance
7. Wild Conifers - Transfer to Category D No further Regional Council action

**CATEGORY B - REGIONAL SURVEILLANCE**

Seek the addition of Toi Toi to the schedule.

**CATEGORY C - OTHER INITIATIVES**

The status quo remaining

**CATEGORY D - NO ACTION**

Canada geese be transferred to Category A - Regional Pest Management Strategy  
Egeria transferred to Category A - Regional Pest Management Strategy  
Darwin ants - these should be re-examined for possible RPMS inclusion.  
White tailed spiders - these should be investigated further.

**OTHER PESTS**

Further information is sought in respect of the problems related to:

- sea lettuce
- matagouri
- lupins
- rabbits
- rats

Further information is also sought from the Canterbury Regional Council in respect of:

- the eradication of possums including control measures
- Canada geese eradication from the wetlands
- Black Poplar trees

(Note: To meet the Regional Council's deadline for a response, it was necessary for the foregoing decision to be conveyed to the Regional Council prior to the 26 August meeting of the City Council.)

The meeting concluded at 11.45am

**CONSIDERED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 1999**

**MAYOR**