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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
31 MAY 1999**

**A meeting of the Resource Management Committee  
was held on Monday 31 May 1999 at 4.00pm**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Charles Manning (Chairperson),  
Councillors David Buist, Carole Evans,  
Lesley Keast and Sue Wells.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Gail Sheriff, Jim Anderton MP,  
Tim Barnett MP, Leanne Dalziel MP,  
Geoff Keey, Research Officer
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from several Christchurch  
MPs

The Committee reports that:

**PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT**

The purpose of the meeting was to inform Christchurch MPs of the Council's thinking behind its submission to the Ministry for the Environment's document entitled "Proposals for Amendments to the Resource Management Act".

All Christchurch MPs had been sent a copy of the Council's submission prior to the meeting.

The Chairman referred to particular points in the submission and expanded on these:

- Residential amenity
- The use of commissioners rather than Councillor hearing panels
- Cost to individual resource consent applicant
- Rights of appeal
- Government's reasoning for proposed amendments to the Act
- Limiting the effect of a proposed plan

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Further information was provided by means of overhead transparencies covering:

- General objectives
- Contestable resource consents
- Commissioner hearings
- De novo hearings – Environment Court
- Consent categories
- Subdivision control in hazard areas
- When a plan took effect
- The need for generous transitional provisions
- Review of designation for sites
- Section 32 issues

This report is for information only.

The meeting concluded at 11.00 am.

**CONSIDERED THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 1999**

**MAYOR**