

## 9. CENTRAL PLAINS IRRIGATION STEERING COMMITTEE

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### (a) Councillor Representation

The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of a second Councillor to Central Plains Irrigation Steering Committee and to advise of a suggested name for the Committee.

#### REPRESENTATION

At its September 1999 meeting the Council approved the establishment of a special joint committee, with Selwyn District Council as the other participating local authority, to manage the completion of feasibility studies into the viability of Central Plains Irrigation schemes.

The recommendation adopted concerning membership was that each Council appoint one Councillor to the joint committee and that the balance of the committee, being four - six additional members be appointed following a publicly notified call for expressions of interest.

Councillor Harrow was appointed as the City Council's representative.

Selwyn District Council in considering the same report decided to appoint two Councillors to the Steering Committee (Councillors Heather Wilde and Jens Christensen) and in view of the approximate equality of financial resources being provided for the committee's work it is recommended that the City Council also appoint a second Councillor.

#### NAME

Selwyn District Council also viewed the name Central Plains Irrigation Steering Committee as too restrictive, considering the likely multi-purpose nature of any successful scheme and favoured the name Central Plains Water Enhancement Steering Committee.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council appoint Councillor O'Rourke to the Central Plains Water Enhancement Steering Committee.
  2. That the Joint Committee be requested to consider reverting to its original name, ie Central Plains Irrigation Steering Committee.

(b) **Constitution and Terms of Reference**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval of the Constitution and Terms of Reference establishing the Central Plains Water Enhancement Special Joint Committee.

At its meeting on Thursday 10 February the interim Central Plains Steering Committee consisting of Councillors Christiansen and Wild (Selwyn District Council) and Councillor Harrow (Christchurch City Council) considered a draft constitution for the above special joint committee and with some amendments now submit this document to the two councils for approval is attached.

The two councils have resolved that this document be approved by the councils before the first meeting of the full joint committee.

The interim committee has considered the results of its publicly notified call for expressions of interest in membership of the steering committee and has prepared a short list of eight for interview with the intention of finally selecting five members.

**Recommendation:** That the Constitution and Terms of Reference for the Central Plains Water Enhancement Steering Committee being a special joint committee of the Christchurch City and Selwyn District Councils be approved.