5. CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Subcommittee received the business plan for TransWaste Canterbury Ltd for the year ending 30 June 2001 (copy tabled). It showed timing for the various stages of the project as follows:

Estimated completion

Stage 1: Site selection

Phase 1a: Site review/selection of preferred site
Phase 2a: Investigation
Phase 3: Consents
Phase 4: Environment Court

November 2000
October 2001
June 2002
July 2003

Stage 2: Design and construction

Work required to commissioning March 2004

The Subcommittee discussed the issue of the fair rate of return for shareholders and noted that consultants for shareholder groups were presently advising on this matter. It was agreed that as the matter had been under consideration for some time the issue should be referred to the working group originally established to deal with this topic and reported back to the July meeting of the Subcommittee. The report noted that shareholders should budget for their share of total costs of \$7.5M for the year ended 30 June 2001.

In response to questions as to whether it would be possible to spend this sum before this date it was confirmed that it was considered prudent to allow for this in terms of land purchase and detailed investigation.

In addition it was agreed that further information should be sought on the budgeted costs for directors meeting costs.

The Subcommittee **received** the information.