



4. CRACROFT CAVERNS RESERVE – ADDITIONAL RING LASER

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for a proposed new ring laser to be constructed in the Cracroft Caverns situated below Cracroft Caverns Reserve.

The Board **decided** to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee:

1. That the Council grant the University of Canterbury permission to construct the proposed ring laser as detailed in the application subject to the following conditions:
 - 1.1 The University of Canterbury to obtain all necessary resource and building consents before any development commences upon the site.
 - 1.2 The leased/construction area being maintained by the University of Canterbury in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
 - 1.3 All costs associated with the development, and subsequent maintenance of the associated buildings and structures on the site being paid for by the University of Canterbury.
 - 1.4 The University of Canterbury is to show proof of having an Occupational Safety and Health Hazard Plan in place to the Area Parks Officer (Consents) before commencing operations upon the site.
 - 1.5 Before any tenders are let or work commences upon the site, discussions are to be held with the Parks Manager's designate, the Area Parks Officer – Sockburn to ascertain the Council's requirement through the development phase of the construction of the facility.
 - 1.6 A bond of \$2,000 is to be paid by the University of Canterbury or successful principal contractor to the Christchurch City Council/Area Parks Officer – Sockburn before work commences on the site. The bond less any expenses incurred by the Council will be refunded to the payee upon the completion of the work.
 - 1.7 All rock excavated for the foundation of the piles is to be stored behind the laboratory, to be used to restore the site when the piles are removed at the end of the project in approximately 15 years time.
 - 1.8 That a steel frame protection tent for personnel use be used within the small areas during construction and maintenance work in the three corners that are not under the existing concrete roof and that this be written into the University's Health & Safety Plan.
2. That the Parks Unit cease perpetuating the myth of the "rediscovery" of the caverns by a TV journalist, the existence of the caverns having always been known by the territorial local authority, the owners of the land, and local residents.