



10. AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (EGERIA DENSA)

A report from the Team Leader Maintenance and Renewals, Water Services, informed the Board of matters related to the management of the invasive aquatic weed *Egeria densa*. The Board **decided:**

1. That it endorse the consultative approach adopted by the Water Services Unit so far and support the consultation process as described in the report.
2. That it support the proposed operational trials for *Egeria* management to take place over this summer.
3. That it oppose the introduction of Grass Carp at any site as a means of containing or eradicating weed infestation in Christchurch waterways.
4. That it accept the use of a herbicide trial at Kerrs Reach, only because the implications of not containing *Egeria* to this site would have such an impact on recreational users and amenity values of the Avon River and other South Island waterways.
5. That the feasibility and impact of flushing the affected area with salt water be investigated.