13. AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (EGERIA DENSA)

The Water Services Manager submitted a report updating the Committee on the latest developments in managing the invasive aquatic weed, *Egeria densa*. The report outlined the options suggested by NIWA for managing the weed and the consultation which had taken place with key stakeholders. The report advised that the Water Services Unit will now prepare an action plan for carrying out herbicide trials this summer for distribution to stakeholders and other interested groups for comment and endorsement.

The Committee **decided** to endorse the consultative approach adopted by the Water Services Unit so far, and to support the consultation process as described in the report.

