

1. CANTERBURY WASTE SERVICES LTD UPDATE

Mr Gareth James, General Manager, Canterbury Waste Services Ltd, briefed the Subcommittee on the investigations to date into the Kate Valley site for the regional landfill and on the draft discussion document soon to be released for public consultation. Points made by Mr James in his presentation were:

- The site investigation process was now approximately 50% completed and had to date been mainly concerned with aspects relating to site security. The position had now been reached, however, where information could be disseminated to the community via the information booklet.
- The discussion booklet covered the various options and sought feedback from the community on the operation of the site and what effects it might have.
- To date some 300-400 meetings had been held locally and over 1,000 visitors had viewed the site.
- The discussion booklet would be mailed to some 300 groups and individuals who had previous contact with Canterbury Waste Services and in addition a newsletter summary would be posted to 1,500 householders in the Leithfield to Omihi area and newspaper advertisements would be placed in North Canterbury media.
- Mr James indicated that currently the programme was on track for the lodgement of a resource consent at the end of 2001, and possible opening in July 2004.
- It was noted that an 0800 number would be provided if people wished to contact Canterbury Waste Services staff direct to ask questions.

Members then took the opportunity to ask questions of Mr James and these related to the necessity for a liner for the site in view of the impermeable nature of the substrate beneath the landfill and the effects of installation of a liner on the structure.

It was indicated that provision of a liner would add a cost somewhat less than \$2 per tonne but it was considered by the Transwaste Board that this should be installed to ensure that the consent process proceeded as quickly as possible and that additional costs were not occurred in that regard.

It was noted that approximately some 40 independent consultants from 25 firms plus peer reviewers had been involved in the process to date.

The Subcommittee **decided** that the Council's directors in the Transwaste Canterbury Ltd Board be informed that the Subcommittee approves the selection of the Kate Valley site as the preferred site for the new regional landfill.