24. CLOSING THE LOOP FOR SOLID WASTE

The Committee considered a report from Mike Stockwell, City Water and waste Manager, and Councillor Denis O'Rourke, Chairman, City Services Committee, on the Solid Waste Management Conference held in Sydney in June 2001.

Main points learnt from the conference were detailed and both Mr Stockwell and Councillor O'Rourke indicated that the visit had been worthwhile and that Christchurch's efforts in waste minimisation and recycling compared well to those of other Australian cities.

The Committee decided:

- 1. That the City Water & Waste Manager together with the Chairman of the City Services Committee discuss the development of a solid waste masters qualification (or similar) with the appropriate tertiary personnel.
- 2. That subject to the City Manager's approval for overseas travel and funding availability, two appropriate staff from City Water & Waste attend the two day Integrated Solid Waste Management Professional Development training course in Sydney run by Wetherill Environmental consultants (sponsored by the NSW Waste Boards).