



5. CANTERBURY PLAINS IRRIGATION/WATER USE ISSUES

Messrs Alan Watson and Richard Budd attended to discuss the deliberations of the Central Plains Steering Committee which is investigating opportunities for water enhancement schemes within the central plains area of Canterbury.

This was a comprehensive presentation and much discussion ensued. The Board had been concerned for some time about the issues surrounding the scheme to irrigate the Plains whilst economic benefits could be realised there was also the need to address the issue of this vital resource (water) and any possible negative long term environmental effects.

In **receiving** the information the Board asked that it be kept involved in the deliberations of the steering committee.