


1. REPORT FROM THE CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE



The Committee received a report detailing the activities of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee over the preceding year.

The report noted the significant items considered by the subcommittee which related to:

- Investigations into the suitability of the Kate Valley landfill site.
- Regional waste minimisation initiatives.
- The regional approach to organics.
- A public information/education campaign.
- Consideration of the Transwaste Canterbury Ltd Statement of Corporate Intent and Business Plan.
- Update on hazardous waste disposal.

The report noted that a significant milestone during the period under review had been the purchase of the Tirimoana Station by Canterbury Waste Services, within which the proposed regional landfill at Kate Valley was located. Extensive investigations into the suitability of the site had been undertaken during the period under review and reported back to the subcommittee on a regular basis. It was noted that, should the site be confirmed as the new site for the regional landfill, it was anticipated that a resource consent would be sought in the latter part of 2001, with the prospect of the new landfill opening in mid-2004. Another major initiative undertaken had been the involvement of the Recovered Materials Foundation in undertaking a study of what advantages might accrue from adopting a regional approach in some areas of recycling and waste minimisation.