

15. **WATERWAYS AND WETLANDS MANAGEMENT IN THE MARSHLANDS/SHIRLEY AREA (HORSESHOE LAKE CATCHMENT); REQUEST TO ALLOW PORTION OF WORK TO PROCEED**

The Parks and Waterways Manager submitted a report seeking the Committee's approval to bring forward a portion of the waterway management project for the Old No. 2 Drain, to enable work to commence in 2000/2001 financial year. The project was approved by the Council at its December 2000 meeting.

It was reported that the Christchurch Golf Club has approached the Council seeking to have work through the course undertaken this year. The work involves the replacement of the concrete lining of the Old No. 2 Drain. The club is anxious to complete work prior to a major tournament in October and also sees benefits for both the club and the Council in combining the waterway work with a subdivision development the club is carrying out on its southern boundary (Lake Terrace Road).

The Committee noted that proceeding with the work in two stages will cost the Council an additional \$11,610 and provide the club with a benefit of \$10,000. However, the Committee concluded that this was acceptable when weighed against the golf club's contributions of disposal on site, \$10,000; forgoing esplanade strip compensation, \$16,670; and planting and mulching, \$45,000, a total of \$71,670.

Stage 1 work is estimated to cost a total of \$150,000, and can be achieved by substitution within the Parks and Waterways capital works programme. Funds are available from the Burwood/Woolston Expressway land purchase item. This substitution can be approved at officer level.

The report alerted the Committee to the fact that if it agreed to the Stage 1 proceeding, there was a risk that the work may not be wholly suitable to a second stage project. This could arise, for example, if negotiations over land purchase north of the golf course fail and Stage II on the golf course proceeds without the upstream development in place. However, the Committee felt this risk was minimal, as the Council could use designation to secure the land it requires.

The Committee also noted that agreement had been reached with the club concerning disposal on site, planting and mulching contributions and the granting of esplanade strip without compensation.

After full considering the proposal, the Committee **decided** that approval be given to proceeding with a staged programme for waterway management on the Old No. 2 Drain, to enable the work through the Shirley Golf Course to proceed in the 2000/01 financial year.