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**REPORT OF THE CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
WORKING PARTY ON THE
“NATIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION STRATEGY”**

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION ON DISCUSSION PAPER “TOWARDS A NATIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION STRATEGY”

The purpose of this report is to present the submission on the discussion paper “*Towards a national waste minimisation strategy*”, as prepared by a working party of the City Services Committee.

BACKGROUND

In December 2000 the above discussion paper was released jointly by the Ministry for the Environment and Local Government New Zealand. The paper was prepared by the *Waste Minimisation and Management Working Group* appointed by the Minister of the Environment mid 2000. The initial driving force behind this was the Remit submitted by the Council to the 1999 Local Government New Zealand conference.

On 9 February 2001 the City Services Committee resolved:

1. That a working party consisting of Councillors O'Rourke, Howell, Buck and Evans, and relevant staff, be appointed to draft the Council's comments on the national waste minimisation strategy discussion paper.
2. That due to the tight time-frame the Working Party be given delegated power to report directly to the March 2001 Council meeting.

The Working Party has met on two occasions, on 14 February and 13 March 2001, with all members in attendance.

Apart from the Council's submission, the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee has prepared its own submission.

SUMMARY

The attached submission is presented for approval by the Council.

Working Party

Recommendation: That the attached submission on the discussion paper “Towards a National Waste Minimisation Strategy” be approved.

CONSIDERED THIS 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2001

MAYOR