

8. STRUCTURE OF THE RECOVERED MATERIALS FOUNDATION BOARD (SUPPLEMENTARY)

The Subcommittee considered a report informing it of the decision of the Recovered Materials Foundation relating to the structure of its Board. The Board had resolved that stakeholders be consulted on this proposal, including the members of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee, and the content of the Board resolution and relevant parts of the RMF Constitution were detailed within the report.

The Chairman explained to members more fully the background behind the report and the opportunity was then taken to allow for questions and discussion from members.

These related to:

- The regional role of the RMF in respect to any further regional strategy for waste minimisation developed by the Subcommittee. (It was noted that individual councils could contract to the RMF or use their own community groups for waste minimisation in whole or in part.)
- A further issue was that of research and development for alternative markets and products for recycled materials and it was noted that currently the RMF, via CCC funding, was spending approximately \$1 million per annum in this area and a future issue was funding for this perhaps by way of a waste levy on residual waste to landfill.
- The need for sensitivity in respect to local community organisations engaged in recycling was stressed and the perception held by some people that the Subcommittee, Transwaste Canterbury Ltd and the Recovered Materials Foundation had direct links was mentioned. The Chairman confirmed the arm's length separation from Transwaste and that the RMF was a separate charitable trust and that the new CEO, Mr Richard Lloyd, also was in fact on the Board of Ashburton Wastebusters. In addition it was noted that Mr Lloyd was shortly meeting with local councils including the Waimakariri and Hurunui District Councils.

The Subcommittee **resolved** that the report be forwarded to Subcommittee member councils that did not currently have representation on the Recovered Materials Foundation Board for comment.