

9. SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Subcommittee considered a request from Mr Don Young, Waimakariri District Council, as to whether the Subcommittee would be prepared to consider a future agenda item relating to a review of the Memorandum of Understanding and in particular the words "*and beyond*" contained within clause 4.2(c) of the MoU. This related to landfill transport and other facilities and the objective of the joint venture company to offer waste management facilities and solutions at all levels in the initial participants region, *and beyond*.

Members discussed the request. However, it was not considered warranted to seek a change to this particular wording in view of the fact that:

- The MoU commits waste to the original landfill for a period of 20 years and also allows for other councils to join at a later date subject to the agreement of the initial six shareholder councils.
- It was noted that if landfill standards were to be raised then other TLAs in the area may wish to join and it was commented that the waste volumes involved would not be significant.
- Should environmental problems occur in another area's landfill then the option of sending waste to the regional landfill would exist as a safety backup.
- It was commented that Transwaste was a commercial company and the intention of the clause also related to the company being able to participate in waste management and waste minimisation initiatives in other areas and not just solely to the acceptance of additional waste.
- The clause needed to be read in respect to the whole document and the practical issues of barriers due to the costs of transportation needed to be considered.

Members agreed that the Subcommittee did not wish to take any formal action on this matter at the present time and that Mr Young be advised accordingly.