

4. KATE VALLEY REGIONAL LANDFILL - TIMELINE FOR RESOURCE CONSENTS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the recommendation of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee regarding public comments relating to the regional landfill at Kate Valley in the period before and during the process of seeking resource consents.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 11 March 2002 the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee considered a report from Zefanja Potgieter, Solid Waste Planner, Christchurch City Council, on the potential programme for obtaining the required resource consents and construction for the proposed regional landfill at Kate Valley.

The programme was seen as:

- Lodge consent applications by April 2002.
- Hearing mid to late 2002
- Initial hearing decision late 2002
- Environment Court hearing mid 2003
- Environment Court decision late 2003
- Construction late 2003 and early in mid 2004
- Commission landfill August 2004

The report noted that at its meeting on 15 February 2002 Transwaste Canterbury Ltd resolved:

“That Kate Valley be selected as the site for development of the Canterbury Regional Landfill and that the appropriate resource consent applications be submitted.”

and that this decision followed endorsement of the Kate Valley site by the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee on 4 February 2002 and Canterbury Waste Services Ltd.

The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations contained in the report and resolved:

1. *That the information be received.*
2. *That members note that it is advisable that no member of the Subcommittee or member council offer public comment during the run up to and actual consenting process.”*

This matter is therefore accordingly referred to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee and the Council for formal endorsement as recommended by the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee.

Recommendation: That Councillors note that it is advisable that no members offer public comment in the run up to and during the actual consenting process for the proposed regional landfill at Kate Valley.