

2. SELECTION OF A SITE FOR THE NEW CANTERBURY REGIONAL LANDFILL

The Subcommittee considered a report recommending the selection of the Kate Valley site, Hurunui district, as the site for the new Canterbury Regional Landfill.

This outlined the background to the establishment of the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee and the selection of a commercial partner (Transwaste Canterbury Ltd) to establish a joint venture between the six Canterbury territorial local authorities with the aim to find, consent, develop and operate a new regional landfill.

The report noted that initial interest had focused on the "Trig" site in the Malvern foothills which was abandoned in February 2000, on account of unsuitable geological conditions and noted that since late 2000 investigations into the "Kate Valley" site had been undertaken. The Subcommittee had received several detailed presentations by Canterbury Waste Services Ltd on progress with investigations as well as its consultation programme with the local communities and other interested parties.

In December 2001 each of the participating councils holding shares in the joint venture company received an extensive briefing by Canterbury Waste Services Ltd General Manager, Gareth James, taking about four hours including discussion and the Chairman of the Committee also attended most of these meetings. There were no significant issues raised during these briefings and it was clear that a recommendation to proceed with the obtaining of resource consents was fully supported by the councils concerned. The presentations indicated that from an environmental point of view, and also in economic terms, the Kate Valley site was very suitable.

The Subcommittee **resolved** in terms of clauses 3(a) and 11(a) of the constituting agreement:

1. That Transwaste Canterbury Ltd be informed that the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee supports the Kate Valley site as the site for the regional landfill in Canterbury, and supports proceeding with the submission of the necessary resource consents.
2. That the four nominee directors appointed by the Subcommittee to the Transwaste Canterbury Ltd board be instructed to vote in favour of the company confirming the Kate Valley site for the regional landfill, and in favour of applications proceeding for the necessary resource consents.