



11. THE OUTSTANDING PORT HILLS

Liz Briggs, Policy Leader – Open Space and Water, spoke to her report informing the Committee of the main findings of a recent Environment Court decision (Flanagan vs Christchurch City Council; RMA 520/99, Decision No C222/01), which found that the whole of the Port Hills is an “outstanding natural feature and landscape” under Section 6(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Committee **received** the report, which summarised the implications this decision has for policies and plans relating to the Port Hills, in particular, confirmation of the status, along with the relevance of associated policies and objectives, and justification for the extent and present boundary of the Rural Hills zone, and the rules associated with the protection of the outstanding landscape.