

5. KATE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

The Chairman spoke further on the agenda item relating to this topic and indicated that it was his view that the whole of the Kate Valley catchment area should be retained for strategic reasons as it was not desirable that the position arise where downstream land users might be able to complain about the landfill operations. This was a strategic matter and one of the advantages of the site had been that the company had been able to purchase the whole of the catchment area for the Kate Valley stream.

The Chairman indicated that he did not think the possible establishment of a regional park should be used in any way to mitigate the establishment of the landfill in terms of the resource consents being sought and that they were completely separate issues.

Mayor Jim Gerard indicated that he thought that the presence of the 'SNAs' in terms of the Hurunui District Council district scheme downstream from the landfill site provided sufficient protection for natural features and he did not think that Transwaste Canterbury Limited needed to own this area.

Details of the likely area for the regional park and use of this by the public in terms of providing for car parking and walking track access to the coast were explained and the Chairman commented that the capital and operating costs involved would in his opinion not be excessive, relating chiefly to signage, car parking, toilets and water supply.

The majority of members present indicated their support for the further investigation of the park in principal with Mayor Jim Gerard indicating that he did not feel his council would support retention of the area involved for this purpose.

The Subcommittee **resolved** to support further investigation of the possible regional park concept in lower Kate Valley should resource consents be approved for the regional landfill.