

2. URBAN PLANNING AND GROWTH BRIEFING – ENVIRONMENT COURT DECISIONS



Bob Nixon, Team Leader City Plan, provided a briefing on the Environment Court decisions regarding urban growth as contained in recent planning decisions.

The report covered:

- The status of the objectives and policies
- Regulating the supply of land
- Versatile soils
- Fossil fuels and vehicle emissions
- Effects of restricting land supply
- The nature of peripheral development

He explained that there were essentially three models that could be identified in terms of the city's growth pattern, that of:

- Containment
- Consolidation
- Scattered development

Essentially, the Environment Court had upheld the Council's consolidation model.

It was noted that the decisions of the Environment Court were interim decisions.

The Committee **decided** that a report on options relative to dealing with urban growth, including surrounding local authority areas, and how the Council can appropriately manage growth factors, be prepared by staff.