

7. REDESIGNING RESOURCES CONFERENCE CHRISTCHURCH 7–9 JULY 2002

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's direction on its participation in the Redesigning Resources Conference.

The inaugural Redesigning Resources Conference was held in Christchurch in 2000, with Paul Hawken and Ray Anderson from the United States and the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Helen Clark, as keynote speakers and a significant number of Councillors and staff both from Christchurch and elsewhere attending.

The follow-up Redesigning Resources Conference will be held in Christchurch on 7-9 July 2002. Continuing the successful theme started in 2000, the objective of this conference is to bring sustainability into mainstream thinking and decision making in an action focused way.

The Council and its existing partners (Orion, Recovered Materials Foundation, Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research, The Warehouse, Snowy Peak/Untouched World, Macpac and Shire of Yarra Ranges, Australia) will again be highlighted as case study organisations working to improve they way they operate. Advice will be sought both from conference participants in structured and professionally facilitated workshop sessions and from a New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development (NZBCSD) Review Panel. The panel will consist of Stephen Tindall (chair NZBCSD), Dr Rodger Spiller (Executive Director NZBCSD), Dr Andy Pearce (CEO Landcare Research) and Peter Griffiths (Managing Director, BP Oil NZ). A number of new case study organisations will also be joining as partners, extending the ability of the Council to influence others in the City a partnership model.

In addition to the facilitated workshop sessions, the following keynote speakers will address the conference:

- David Grayson – Director of Business in the Community and adviser to pan-European consultancy EPPA, London
- Ray Anderson – Chair, Interface Inc. USA (via live video link)
- Greg Bourne – Regional President BP South Asia and Australasia
- Molly Harris Olson – Director Eco Futures, Australia/USA, former President and CEO of the Natural Step USA and former Executive Director of the President's Council on Sustainable Development in the White House, USA
- Tahu Potiki – Chief Executive Officer – Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
- Dr Nick Marsh – Director Strategic Foresight, Australasia

As a conference sponsor the Council has been allocated eight "free" places at the conference. It was initially proposed that four elected members attend. However, Councillor Austin has received a complimentary registration as she is facilitating one of the conference workshops. Councillor Austin has offered to transfer her registration to another Councillor which will enable five elected members to attend this conference.

Recommendation: That Councillors Buck, Crighton, Wells, Williams and Wright be authorised to attend the Redesigning Resources Conference.