

4. RESOURCE RECOVERY FROM CLEANFILL SITES – CHRISTCHURCH CITY

The Subcommittee considered a report from Zefanja Potgieter, Resource Planner Solid Waste, Christchurch City Council, advising members of the proposed draft cleanfill licensing bylaw being promoted by the Christchurch City Council. A copy of the proposed draft bylaw was circulated with the agenda for the information of members.

The report provided background to the bylaw and details of its key features. In addition it noted that several submitters on the proposed bylaw during the consultation process had indicated the view that in order to create a level playing field for industry across the region, a similar bylaw also needed to be implemented in adjacent territorial local authorities, such as the Selwyn and Waimakariri District Councils. They felt that waste would be transferred to these areas as a result of the proposed new financial disincentives within the city.

The report suggested that in the interests of a consistent approach other member councils also consider a similar approach to cleanfill sites. The bylaw would apply to building construction, demolition waste and roading waste and the motivation for a bylaw was to encourage the recovery of resources and also provide additional supplementary funding for waste minimisation initiatives.

The opportunity was taken to discuss the report and the Chairman tabled a photograph of a cleanfill site within the Christchurch City Council area to illustrate the need for greater control.

Councillor Tasker advised that she felt that there could also be an issue in respect to the bylaw for her council as a large number of trucks returned empty at present to the Ashburton district and could possibly be backloaded with waste.

Members noted that it was possible for Environment Canterbury to review existing consents for cleanfill sites and after further discussion it was agreed that representatives of Environment Canterbury be invited to the next meeting which could then subsequently be confirmed with a letter stating the Subcommittee's concerns at the provisions in some existing cleanfill consents.

Councillor Robbie Brine commented he felt it would be beneficial for both Councillors Denis O'Rourke and Sally Buck to meet with the Waimakariri District Council's Solid and Hazardous Waste Subcommittee, together with appropriate staff, to discuss this issue further and it was agreed that staff arrange the detail regarding such a meeting.

It was also agreed that a copy of the final form of the bylaw and report to the Christchurch City Council meeting of 20 November 2003, be circulated to member councils for their information, together with copies of other related background material.

The Subcommittee **resolved**:

1. That subject to the Christchurch City Council resolving to make the proposed new Cleanfill Licensing Bylaw at its meeting on 20 November 2003, the Selwyn District Council and the Waimakariri District Council be requested to consider also implementing a Cleanfill Licensing Bylaw.
2. That other Canterbury territorial local authorities also be similarly requested to consider implementing a Cleanfill Licensing Bylaw.