

1. CENTRAL PLAINS WATER TRUST : PROGRESS REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2003

Submitted by: Doug Marsh Chairperson, Central Plains Water Trust	
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The purpose of this report is to seek approval to transfer the Council's interest in the resource consent applications to take water from the Rakaia and Waimakariri Rivers to the Central Plains Water Trust.

In December 2002 the Selwyn District Council and the Christchurch City Council, jointly with the Ashburton Community Trust, lodged resource consent applications with Environment Canterbury to take water from the Rakaia and Waimakariri Rivers. These applications have been allowed to remain on hold in the absence of competing applications and it is the Trust's intention that applications for the balance of the consents will be heard at the same time as those already lodged.

A further report from the Trust dealing with the appointment of directors to the Board of Central Plains Water Ltd is contained in the public excluded section of the Committee's report.

Recommendation: That, with respect to the application to take water from the Rakaia and the Waimakariri Rivers lodged with Environment Canterbury in December 2001, the name of the applicants be changed, where required and appropriate, from Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Ashburton Community Water Trust to the Central Plains Water Trust and the Ashburton Community Water Trust.

(Note: Councillor Corbett requested that his vote against the foregoing recommendation be recorded. Councillor Crighton abstained from the voting on the recommendation.)