

## **7. INFORMATION SHARING BY MEMBERS**

The opportunity was taken for members to provide a brief update on matters concerning solid waste disposal and waste minimisation in their areas and oral reports were received as follows:

### **Kaikoura District Council - Councillor Bryan Seddon**

Councillor Seddon reported that over the last three years waste disposed to his Council's landfill had been reduced from 6,500 to 3,500 tonnes and they had now achieved a 62% diversion rate from landfill.

His Council undertook no rubbish collection but did provide a free recycling collection. Waste deposited in their landfill was currently compacted and they were in fact now excavating some previous areas to extract recyclables and compact material to maximise space.

In addition they were undertaking compost preparation from greenwaste using an enclosed windrow system and were considering adding putrescibles to this in due course.

They also provided mini skips at building sites and operated a reuse second-hand shop.

### **Ashburton District Council - Mr Robert Rowse**

Mr Rowse reported on a health and safety incident involving a person jumping from one of their rubbish collection trucks, who had sustained head injuries and he suggested that members check their contractors' operations to ensure their safety procedures were adequate. He also reported that tenders were being sought for their residual waste management and that disposal of compost was an issue within their region.

### **Christchurch City Council - Mr Simon Collin**

Mr Collin reported on the request for information which had been sought from the waste industry seeking innovative ideas for the waste collection system. He advised this would close in some four to five weeks time and a report back would be provided at that stage.

The Chairman also updated members on the proposal to impose levies on cleanfill material and he advised that the Christchurch City Council was anxious to discuss the issues this involved with its neighbouring local authorities. The Council's transfer stations might possibly in future become sorting stations and he hoped that a co-operative system could be developed.

### **Waimakariri District Council - Councillor Robbie Brine**

Councillor Brine spoke briefly regarding his own personal views on the desirability of the Waimakariri District Council and Christchurch City Council exploring the advantages of joint collection of waste and recyclables and he felt there was an opportunity for the two councils to co-operate and to link contracts.

### **Selwyn District Council - Councillor Bill Woods**

Councillor Woods advised that his Council's recyclable collection would commence on 15 September 2003.

### **Hurunui District Council - Mayor Tony Arps**

Mayor Arps provided a brief update on an issue which had arisen in respect to the purchase of additional land for their recycling transfer station operation. He also advised that with the transfer of waste disposal to the Burwood Landfill they had now been able to identify that some 40% of their residual waste came from the Hanmer Springs area. New compacting systems had been installed at four of their five transfer stations, which would meet the standards required for the new regional landfill and he also indicated that he would like to see more co-operation between Hurunui Recycling and the Recovered Materials Foundation.

**Mackenzie District Council - Councillor Bronwen Murray**

Councillor Murray reported that her Council had undertaken discussions with the Recovered Materials Foundation and they had a good rapport, but at this stage they were not planning to utilise its services in view of the satisfactory returns they were currently receiving.