

4. WASTEMINZ 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, NELSON 4-6 NOVEMBER 2003

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The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Council for the attendance of Councillors Denis O'Rourke and Sally Buck at the above conference.

The Annual WasteMINZ Conference will be held this year in Nelson from Tuesday 4 November to Thursday 6 November 2003. Several keynote speakers have been arranged, including speakers from the USA and Canada, who will present on subjects related to the delivery of programmes to change environmental behaviour and sustainable approaches to waste minimisation. In addition a number of workshops have also been organised covering relevant topics such as:

- Waste strategies and programmes,
- Business care,
- Waste exchange,
- Composting and organic waste,
- Case studies,
- Site visits.

COSTS

Estimated costs for the attendance of two people at this conference are as follows:

Airfares	\$306
Accommodation	\$780
Registration	\$1,671
Miscellaneous	\$150

Total (GST exclusive)	\$2,907
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SUMMARY

This annual conference provides an excellent opportunity for elected representatives to meet with other local authority Councillors and staff and overseas waste minimisation practitioners to exchange information and be updated on new technologies and programmes. Both the Chairman and Councillor Sally Buck have expressed a wish to attend and approval is sought for this.

Recommendation: That the Council approve the attendance of Councillors Denis O'Rourke and Sally Buck at the 15th Annual WasteMINZ Conference.