

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO REGIONAL HAZARDOUS WASTE WORKING PARTY

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to appoint four representatives to the Regional Hazardous Waste Working Party.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Hazardous Waste Working Party (RHWWP) reports to both the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee and Environment Canterbury. It has been responsible for the development and implementation of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy.

The Strategy is a joint initiative by the Canterbury councils and aims to approach the issues related to hazardous waste management on a regional basis.

The Working Party comprises two Environment Canterbury councillors, one of whom is the Chair, and four territorial local authority councillors, one each from the following areas:

- Christchurch City Council
- North Canterbury (Kaikoura, Hurunui and Waimakariri)
- Mid Canterbury (Selwyn, Banks Peninsula and Ashburton)
- South Canterbury (Mackenzie, Timaru and Waimate)

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding of the RHWWP is provided by Environment Canterbury (50%) and individually by the Canterbury territorial authorities (50%). The TLA contribution is allocated on an adjusted population basis, with the CCC having a lower contribution due to it providing key hazardous waste services to the other district councils.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Subcommittee elect four representatives to the Hazardous Waste Working Party. One from each of the following areas:

- Christchurch City Council
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BACKGROUND

The Regional Hazardous Waste Working Party reports to both the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee and Environment Canterbury. It has been responsible for the development and implementation of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy.

The Strategy is a joint initiative by the Canterbury councils and aims to approach the issues related to hazardous waste management on a regional basis. The regional approach ensures:

- Information flows freely and is developed with minimum duplication,
- Hazardous waste controls are used consistently throughout the region to minimise cross boundary issues
- Resources are combined for maximum effect
- A strong collective voice is established to advocate to central government.

This Strategy has been integral in the provision of:

- A regional agrichemical collection (ongoing).
- A used oil collection network (ongoing).
- Hazardous waste awareness training to district council staff
- Information on hazardous waste disposal options (ongoing).
- Emergency management plans for council owned transfer stations.
- Guidelines for the storage of hazardous waste at transfer stations.

The working party has also investigated:

- The viability of waste agrichemical exchanges
- Solutions for on farm plastic waste (ongoing)
- Waste minimisation and pollution prevention projects with garages and mechanical workshops.

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