

**8. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 26 JUNE 2006 MEETING**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI: 941-8549
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 26 June 2006.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Helen Broughton, Lesley Keast, Peter Laloli, Mike Mora and Bob Shearing.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Tony Sutcliffe.

**1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

**(a) WAIMAKARIRI AND AVON HEADWATER ISSUES**

Richard English addressed the Committee regarding the Waimakariri and Avon headwaters issue, and provided information on the detrimental environmental, recreational and social effects that over abstraction is capable of producing

Richard asserted that the present format of the Resource Management Act handicaps Environment Canterbury's ability to limit abstractions.

The Committee's recommendation on this matter is recorded under Clause 4 of this report.

**2. AUBURN TREE REMOVAL AND LANDSCAPE PLAN**

The Committee considered a report seeking the Board's approval to carry out a major tree removal and replacement planting programme in Auburn Reserve, which will be staged over the next 5 years.

The Committee's recommendations on this matter are recorded under Clause 4 of this report.

**3. ROSELLA RESERVE WALKWAY REQUEST**

The Committee considered a report seeking the Board's approval to install a 145 square metre walkway (approximate) around the South western boundary of the park connecting out on to Marsham Road.

The Committee requested a copy of the petition signed by local residents against the proposed design of the walkway.

The Committee **decided** to refer consideration of the report to the Board's next meeting so that the Steadman Road Area Residents Group could be consulted.

**4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) That the Board writes to Environment Canterbury to express support for its endeavours to address the Waimakariri and Avon headwater issues.
- (b) That the Board invites Environment Canterbury representatives to a forthcoming Environment Committee meeting to update the Committee on the Canterbury Plains Water issue and the abovementioned Waimakariri and Avon headwaters issue.
- (c) That the Board requests an update from the Greenspace Unit on the Council's projects affecting the Avon river.

- (d) That the Board approves the following course of action for the Auburn Tree Removal and Landscape Plan:
- (i) Removal of six Poplar trees and one gum tree over the 2006/07 period. These trees are the highest priority at this stage in terms of their size, location and susceptibility to future failures.
  - (ii) Removal of five Poplar and one ash over the 2006/07 period.
  - (iii) Removal of the remaining five Poplar and six various species in the 2006/07/08 period.
  - (iv) The Greenspace Unit will carry out consultation with the local community in regards to the replacement planting programme for the park. The replacement planting will be undertaken progressively over the next three financial years commencing in the 2006/07 financial year.
  - (v) A more detailed planting plan to come back to the Board prior to replacement planting work being undertaken.