

4. RESTRICTION OF USE OF CLOPYRALID BASED HERBICIDES: REQUEST FOR CO-FUNDING

The Subcommittee considered a report from Zefanja Potgieter, Resource Planner Solid Waste, Christchurch City Council, regarding a request from Living Earth Ltd for co-funding towards the costs of an application to the Environmental and Risk Management Authority (ERMA) to restrict the use of Clopyralid based herbicides in New Zealand.

The report provided background to the original study part funded by the Subcommittee in 2003/04 on the use of Clopyralid based herbicides in New Zealand. It advised that a request had now been received from Living Earth Ltd for co-funding of the actual application to ERMA to restrict the use of clopyralid, at an estimated total cost of \$18,000. Both the Auckland and Waitakere City Councils had together agreed to a contribution of \$6,000 and the Ministry for the Environment had indicated a contribution of \$4,500.

In the letter from Living Earth Ltd, tabled with the report, a request was made to the Subcommittee for a contribution of \$9,500. However, it is now understood from subsequent discussions with Living Earth that \$5,000 would be sufficient as other contributors have now been found.

The report noted that the 2004/05 budget for non disposal related projects was \$75,000 and that \$5,000 could be accommodated for this purpose.

The Subcommittee **resolved** to support the application for co-funding the application to ERMA on restricting the use of clopyralid in the urban market by contributing \$5,000, to be apportioned as detailed in the report.