


10. PENDING LEGISLATION AND REGULATION CHANGES AFFECTING WATER SUPPLY



The Committee considered a report from Bruce Henderson, Asset Manager Water and Wastewater, City Water and Waste Unit providing information about pending legislation changes in respect to water supply, as well as the possible impact these might have within Christchurch.

The report and associated briefing paper provided background to the:

- Introduction to Parliament of the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill,
- Revision of the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards,
- Ministry for the Environment's proposed grading of human drinking water sources.

The briefing paper provided more detailed information relating to the above and the report noted that the pending legislation changes could result in increased water supply operating costs of \$250,000 per year which would need to be reflected in the City Water and Waste Unit's operating budget commencing from the 2005/06 year and onwards.

The Committee **decided** to recommend to the Annual Plan Subcommittee:

1. That the likely increase in operating costs be noted.
2. That an increase in the City Water and Waste Unit operating budget of \$250,000 per annum be provided for from the 2005/06 year onwards to allow for any increase in compliance costs associated with the legislation changes in respect to New Zealand drinking standards.