

#### 4. CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE MINIMISATION

The Subcommittee considered a report from Diane Shelander (Senior Resource Planner, City Water and Waste, Christchurch City Council) informing the Subcommittee of the national construction and demolition waste minimisation project funded by the Ministry for the Environment, through its Sustainable Management Fund (SMF). The report noted that the project had begun in December 2003 with a completion date of June 2005 and that a steering group had been formed consisting of:

- Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ)
- Recycling Operators of New Zealand (RONZ)
- North Shore City Council
- Hamilton City Council
- Christchurch City Council
- Ministry for the Environment

Sinclair Knight Merz, based in Christchurch, were managers for the project and the report noted that the SMF project was designed to substantially achieve the same outcomes as the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee (CWSC) regional C&D project which had been proposed in late 2002. Industry sectors to be targeted by the project, and specific tasks and outcomes were also detailed.

The report noted that as the SMF project would achieve, in respect to Canterbury, the outcomes which had been sought for the CWSC regional C&D project, that project was therefore not required. As the SMF project was, however, focused on building construction and demolition and would not include road construction waste demolition it had been proposed to the SMF project manager that the surveys conducted in Canterbury be expanded to include the roading industry as well.

The project manager had agreed that this would be a more efficient approach than conducting a separate study, as some of the stakeholders would be involved in both studies and it was noted that the additional funding needed to add roading C&D to the Canterbury portion of the study was estimated at less than \$5,000, as opposed to the total sum of \$40,000 originally budgeted for the CWSC's own regional C&D project.

Mr Zefanja Potgieter (Resource Planner Solid Waste, City Water and Waste Unit) advised that a staff member from his unit was on the national group and the Christchurch City Council therefore did have direct participation in the study.

The Subcommittee **resolved** that the regional construction and demolition waste project as previously approved by the Subcommittee be replaced by participation in the Sustainable Management Fund project to be conducted by the Ministry for the Environment.