

## 5. NEW ZEALAND STANDARD FOR COMPOSTS AND SOIL CONDITIONERS

Mr Chris Purchas, Ministry for the Environment, attended and spoke to the Subcommittee on the New Zealand Waste Strategy. He provided background and an update to this and to the request from his Ministry for assistance from stakeholders for a financial contribution towards the cost of adopting a New Zealand Standard for compost mulches and soil conditioners.

The opportunity was taken for discussion and questions at the conclusion of the presentation and members considered the report on this matter within the agenda prepared by Zefanja Potgieter, Christchurch City Council Senior Solid Waste Planner.

The Subcommittee **decided** after discussion to defer the consideration of a financial contribution to its March 2005 meeting.