

7. AWATEA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

At its September 2004 meeting, the Board resolved to make a grant to the Association to assist in the preparation of a submission on a notified resource consent in respect of the Owaka Pit site. Subsequently, the hearing to consider the application was adjourned, and will now be a joint Environment Canterbury/Christchurch City Council hearing. The Association was seeking further support from the Board to allow it to continue to participate in the hearing process, and engage professional services.

Messrs Guy Grocott and Neville Toser presented their request to the Board. The Board also discussed the current business practices of the present site owner, and expressed concern that Environment Court abatement notice requirements were not being met.

The Board **resolved** to make a further grant to the Awatea Residents Association of \$6,000 (from the 2004/05 Discretionary Fund), subject to the receipt of a detailed costing of the professional services being sought, or receipts for same.

The Board also decided to seek a meeting with the General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services to discuss the Environment Court abatement issues, and whether the operator's current business practices were in breach of Court rulings. The Board would be represented by Lesley Keast, Helen Broughton, Peter Laloli, Mike Mora and Bob Shearing.