



1. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF 24 JANUARY 2005**

The Board considered the report of the Environment Committee meeting of Monday 24 January 2005.

1. **Project Funds Requests**

The Committee was supportive of three requests:

- (a) The Upper Riccarton Domain Tennis Club sought a contribution to the resurfacing of their three courts. Whilst the club leases an area of the domain from the Council, the majority of users are non-paying members of the public. This factor was acknowledged by the Committee when it considered a recommendation.
- (b) A second request for funds was made to enable the Community Garden Pride Presentation functions to be held and this was supported by the Committee.
- (c) The Area Parks and Waterways Advocate sought a transfer of (approved) funds from the Hillary/Roche Reserve Extension (\$15,000) to Waitohi Reserve to enable a playground equipment upgrade to be initiated.

2. **Owaka Pit Discharge to Air Consent**

Public notification had been given of an application for an air discharge consent. Members expressed concerns about some of the current operator's practices, and agreed to submit an objection.

The application was submitted by Parklands Southland Limited who sought a discharge to air consent from Environment Canterbury in respect of the property at 59 Owaka Road. The main constituents of the air discharge are likely to comprise wind dispersed soil, concrete crusher fines, decomposition odour, sawdust, gypsum/lime, and disturbance of site ground dust by internal traffic movement.

The applicant provided a list of primary methods of control, but the Committee was of the view that this should still be the subject of an objection.

As the closing date for submissions was Thursday 27 January 2005, the Committee agreed to submit an objection, subject to later endorsement by the Board.

3. **Ongoing Issues**

The Committee was supportive of the purchase of land in Epsom Road to enable the next stage of waterway enhancement to proceed. The Board has funded the design work for this site. It was noted that a report on the proposed purchase would be prepared for the Council.

Ongoing issues for consideration included the South West Area Plan, protected trees, and heritage sites. The slow progress on the Templeton Floodwater Scheme would also be followed up by staff.

The Board **received** the report. Its resolutions in respect of the Project Fund requests are recorded under clause 8 of this report.