

## 8. CANTERBURY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT REVIEW

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Council to approve changing the constitution of the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee, and to support inviting new members to join the committee.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. On 12 September the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee, the operative arm of the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee (CJSC), resolved:

*“That member councils be requested to endorse:*

- (a) *The adoption of the submitted draft new constituting agreements for two separate joint committees, the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee and the Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committee.*
- (b) *Extending a formal invitation to the Canterbury Regional Council to consider the approved version of the new draft constituting agreement as a basis for possible future membership.*
- (c) *Extending a formal invitation to the Waitaki District Council to join the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee upon its formation.”*

3. The current 2002 Constituting Agreement of the CJSC requires all ten member councils to unanimously agree to changes to the constitution and to inviting additional members to join. The current ten CJSC members are the Christchurch City Council and the Ashburton, Banks Peninsula, Hurunui, Kaikoura, Mackenzie, Selwyn, Timaru, Waimakariri and Waimate District Councils. CJSC and CWSC deal with both regional waste minimisation and regional landfill issues.
4. Under the Local Government Act 2002 a different and simpler operational structure is possible. While CJSC/CWSC deals with both regional waste minimisation and the regional landfill, the proposed new structure splits the work into two separate joint committees, one dealing with regional waste minimisation (the proposed new Canterbury Waste Joint Committee) and the other dealing with the new regional landfill at Kate Valley in the Hurunui district (the proposed new Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committee) where only the six shareholder councils will be represented - Christchurch, Ashburton, Banks Peninsula, Hurunui, Selwyn and Waimakariri.
5. The advantage of the new structure is a clear distinction between the regional waste minimisation activities to be undertaken by a larger group of councils, and the altogether separate landfill issues to be addressed by the smaller group of shareholders in Kate Valley landfill. This split also facilitates Environment Canterbury to consider joining the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee in advancing regional waste minimisation.
6. The proposals for the new Canterbury Waste Joint Committee also include:
  - Increasing the annual funding contribution of all members to the committee. For Christchurch it means that the annual funding contribution would increase from \$50,000 to \$75,000 per year, enabling more work to be done to advance regional waste minimisation.
  - Provisions for the existing *Regional Hazardous Waste Working Party* to become a subcommittee of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee.
  - A proposed invitation to Environment Canterbury to join the committee, and
  - A proposed invitation to Waitaki District Council to consider joining the Committee. Part of Waitaki district falls into Canterbury, the remainder being in Otago.
7. Each of the ten member councils therefore need to pass the resolutions set out in this report to give effect to the new structure, planned to come into effect on 1 July 2006.

8. The Canterbury Waste Subcommittee report with full details is attached as Attachment A, and the two proposed Constituting Agreements as Attachments B and C.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

9. Buddle Findlay has produced the attached two new draft Constituting Agreements. Funding exists for the increase of \$25,000 in the annual contribution from this Council.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Council:

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- (b) Endorse extending a formal invitation to the Canterbury Regional Council to consider the approved version of the new draft constituting agreement as a basis for possible future membership.
- (c) Endorse extending a formal invitation to the Waitaki District Council to join the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee upon its formation.