

**14. PAPARUA STOCK WATER RACE SYSTEM JOINT SEMINAR  
– REPORT OF 22 MARCH 1999**

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At the Board meeting on 2 March initial consideration was given to a report providing an update on the administration of the Paparua stockwater race system. The Board decided that the report should be deferred for consideration at a joint (with Riccarton/Wigram) Board seminar session.

The seminar was held on Monday 22 March where representatives from the Selwyn District Council (Mrs Heather Wild, Councillor and Andrew Iremonger), and officers from the Water Services Unit, were in attendance to assist members with an understanding of the working of the present system.

Members noted the inherent benefits of the system with the provision of water for stock, and for irrigation purposes, and also noted significant other benefits for the City. These included a quifer recharge, ecological and aesthetic values, augmentation of stream flows and the availability of water for rural fire fighting.

In line with these benefits members agreed that the ongoing retention of the system was important for the particular area covered, but also agreed that the Christchurch City Council in partnership with the Selwyn District Council should develop an asset management plan for the long term enhancement of the system as well as any appropriate cost sharing arrangements.

It would therefore be appropriate that this outcome should now be endorsed by each Board for recommendation to the Council.

**Recommendation:** That the Christchurch City Council in partnership with the Selwyn District Council develop an asset management plan for the long term enhancement of the Paparua Stock Water Race system including any appropriate cost sharing arrangements.

**Chairman's Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.