

3. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 16 FEBRUARY 1999 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on 16 February 1999.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett, Mary Corbett and Mike Mora, together with Terry Moody (Principal Environmental Health Officer).

Apologies were received from Alison Wilkie and David Buist.

1. **STOCK TRUCK EFFLUENT  
ENFORCEMENT / INFRINGEMENT NOTICES**

The issue of stock truck effluent infringement notices, and enforcement under the Litter Act, was discussed at the first meeting of this Committee (18 January 1999).

The problem has been with us in this Board area for some time; stock trucks accessing the old saleyards (at Blenheim Road-Deans Avenue) and the new A&P Wigram site from rural areas to the north, west and south of the city, travelling through residential and commercial areas of our wards.

The most recent consideration by the Board was via the Planning Statement prepared by the previous Board:

*“The Board continues to receive expressions of concern from within its community on the ongoing spillage of stock truck effluent on local roads. In recent months the Board has been appraised of the investigatory efforts of a working party looking at this issue.*

*Whilst it is pleasing to note that the matter is being addressed, the Board does not believe that progress is sufficient. The Board therefore urges that the Council’s participants endeavour to expedite progress in this most serious issue.”*

The City Streets Unit response, in acknowledging our concerns, was –

*“It is essential that these issues are resolved in a consultative way so that there is ownership by all concerned.”*

The National Stock Effluent Workshop (established by the Road Controlling Authorities of New Zealand Forum in June 1997) had recently produced a draft “Industry Code of Practice for the Minimisation of Stock Effluent Spillage from Trucks on Roads”.

A copy is *attached* to this report.

Whilst the Committee was pleased to note the progress made by NZEW, the members considered that enforcement and the issuing of infringement notices should be pursued; this would give a clear signal to offenders that continued stock effluent spillage on local streets would not be tolerated.

Whilst the Litter Act gave clear authority to local authorities and Police to issue infringement notices, only the Police had the power to *stop* vehicles; no enforcement had been undertaken, to date, however.

Members noted the need for an educative approach to enforcement; there may also be a case (under the Health Act) to prosecute offenders; any enforcement would need to be intensive.

(In subsequent discussion with the Board Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of this committee, it was **agreed** that the committee had a mandate to make a submission to the Draft Code of Practice on Stock Effluent. A copy of this submission is attached also.)

**Recommendation:** That the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson meet with Hornby Police to discuss enforcement/issuing infringement notices on stock effluent spillage offenders on the roads within the Board area.

## 2. INSPECTION OF RIC CARTON AREA

**Agreed** that this should be held during March.

### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the report be received.