

**10. RESOURCE CONSENT FOR NEW LANDFILL - SUPPORTING SUBMISSION
BY CANTERBURY TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES**

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Corporate Plan Output: Solid Waste – Regional Landfill	

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of this Committee to engage Buddle Findlay to prepare a supporting submission to Canterbury Waste Services Resource Consent Application

BACKGROUND:

Members of this Committee are aware that Canterbury Waste Services have been contracted by Environment Canterbury Ltd to find a suitable site for the new landfill, get a Resource Consent to construct and operate, then actually construct and operate including transport of waste from Territorial Authorities transfer stations to the landfill.

It is anticipated that application for Resource Consent by Canterbury Waste Services could be during the year 2000. This will be submitted to the Canterbury Regional Council and almost certainly also to the Local Territorial Authority.

SUPPORTING SUBMISSION BY CANTERBURY TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES:

It has been suggested by Mr Kerry Smith of Buddle Findlay that it would be extremely beneficial for the members of this Committee to make a joint submission supporting the Canterbury Waste Services Resource Consent Application. Whether we would simply file paperwork, and/or attend and speak to the submission, or commission Buddle Findlay to attend can be decided closer to the time.

I have discussed this proposal with Gareth James, General Manager of Canterbury Waste Services who is very enthusiastic about the idea.

COSTS:

It is impossible to precisely quantify the costs for a supporting Resource Consent Application submission due to the difficulty of quantifying the amount of work involved. This will depend upon the number of appeals to the application and so on. However Kerry Smith has indicated that ballpark costs will range from \$3,000 to \$30,000 for work ranging from a simple support document to a partial participation in a hearing. Clearly this Committee can control the costs with a clear brief to Buddle Findlay further down the track. The brief will need to address stormwater, gas, leachate, groundwater, odour, dust and the effects of these on the environment. This is not a comprehensive list and there may be other matters that need to be addressed.

SUMMARY

It will add considerable weight to Canterbury Waste Services Resource Consent Application for a new landfill, if the members of this Committee submit a supporting document as a minimum, and as an optional extra attend the relevant hearings. It is recommended that Buddle Findlay be briefed to do this on behalf of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee. Costs will be between \$3,000 and \$30,000 excluding GST.

- Recommendation:**
1. That Buddle Findlay be briefed by the Christchurch City Council Waste Manager to prepare and submit a supporting document for the Resource Consent Application for Canterbury Waste Services in liaison with the General Manager of Canterbury Waste Services.
 2. That the legal costs for this work including the attendance at later hearings be limited to \$30,000 unless approved otherwise by this Committee.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.