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Corporate Plan Output: Community Advocacy	

At the last meeting of the Board held on 31 March 1999, the Board considered a letter from the Canterbury Regional Council, advising of a proposed public hearing on the question of a domestic coal ban for Christchurch. The letter invited the Community Board to indicate whether it wished to be represented at a hearing on the Domestic Coal Ban or, as an alternative, wished to provide written comments.

The Board **resolved:**

1. To set up a working party to make submissions to the Canterbury Regional Council on the proposed domestic coal ban for Christchurch.
2. That the working party comprise the Chairman, Derek McCullough, Liz McRostie and Linda Rutland.
3. That the working party determine whether the Community Board should be heard in support of its submissions.

The above working party met on 22 April 1999 and recommends the following action to the Board:

1. That the Board make submissions to the Canterbury Regional Council on the proposed domestic coal ban.
2. That the Board advise the Canterbury Regional Council that it wishes to be heard in support of these submissions and that it will be represented at the hearing by Derek McCullough and Liz McRostie.
3. That the following points form the basis for the Board's submissions to the Canterbury Regional Council:
 - (i) The Board opposes the burning of any fuel, coal or wood, which does not meet the clean air emission standards.
 - (ii) The Board's real concern is the burning of any fuel in an inefficient and non-complying heating appliance.
 - (iii) Any restriction on fuel burning appliances and fuel types must be balanced by additional compensation on a sufficient basis to ensure that individuals in the community are not financially disadvantaged.

- (iv) The Board submits that, before the Canterbury Regional Council bans fuels, inefficient appliances and fires it needs to negotiate arrangements with the territorial local authority for interest free loans at no cost to home owners to be provided to enable these owners to purchase and install approved heating appliances. These interest free loans could be secured by a caveat over the title of the property until the loan was repaid, thus preventing the sale of the house until repayment had been made.

There would be a net gain to the economy from the sales and installation of large numbers of new heating appliances and a net gain in community health as an additional benefit.

Chairperson's

Recommendation:

1. That the Board make submissions on the proposed domestic coal ban to the Canterbury Regional Council.
2. That the Board approve the proposed submissions for forwarding to the Canterbury Regional.
3. That the Board be heard in support of its submissions and be represented by Derek McCullough and Liz McRostie.