

**7. CANTERBURY REGIONAL LANDFILL  
AND CAPACITY OF BURWOOD LANDFILL**

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Councillors will have seen the Press article in Saturday's paper concerning the proposed (Trig) site in the Malvern Hills for the Regional Landfill (copy attached).

As a result of detailed geotechnical investigations an unexpected earthquake fault has been discovered running through the site which makes it unsuitable for a landfill. This will cause some delay to the new landfill opening date which had up until now been expected to be sometime in 2003. I expect the delay to be at least twelve months giving a revised earliest opening date of around 2004.

My report to September 1999 Council (copy attached) explained that we will be able to get an extension to the Resource Consent to keep Burwood going until a new landfill opens. Burwood has enough filling space left until 2006 still keeping within the existing Resource Consent height limits. A last resort contingency plan beyond 2006 (ie if a Regional Landfill was not open by then) could be to continue filling Burwood and then remove the overfilled refuse to the Regional Landfill when it opens.

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