

9. BURWOOD LANDFILL RESOURCE CONSENT EXTENSION

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Transwaste Canterbury Limited's timetable for opening a new Canterbury Regional Landfill and the effect on Burwood Landfill closure.

BACKGROUND

Transwaste Canterbury Limited (TCL) advised the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee (CWSC) at its meeting on 12 June that an updated anticipated opening date for the new Canterbury Regional Landfill (a joint venture between Christchurch City Council, Banks Peninsula District Council, Waimakariri District Council, Selwyn District Council, Ashburton District Council, Hurunui District Council, Waste Management Limited and Envirowaste Services Limited), is mid 2004 – refer attached bar chart.

As a result TCL have recommended that the CWSC apply for a resource consent extension for Burwood for a three year period (ie to May 2005) or until the new landfill is open whichever comes first.

BURWOOD LANDFILL CAPACITY

In February 2000 the Waste Manager reported to City Services Committee on the future capacity of Burwood Landfill – copy of report attached. In summary Burwood has sufficient capacity to around mid 2006 without breaching the current resource consent height restrictions. This gives a safety margin of two years beyond the TCL anticipated opening date of mid 2004 for the new Regional Landfill.

BURWOOD RESOURCE CONSENT

Burwood Landfill Resource Consent expires in mid 2002. Application for an extension on that Consent will be made to Environment Canterbury well before then (and note we have already advised Environment Canterbury that this application will be coming up and the reason why). It would be prudent to apply for a consent to mid 2006 (whilst remaining within the current height restrictions) which allows a two year margin of safety.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a resource consent extension be sought for Burwood Landfill from May 2002 to May 2006 or until the new Canterbury Regional Landfill opens whichever comes first and that final land profiles remain within the existing consent height restrictions.
 2. That this consent application be lodged before 31 December 2000.

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