

3. CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the activity of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee over the past year.

INTRODUCTION

The Canterbury Joint Standing Committee was established on 7 December 1998 (minutes attached) and resolved to constitute the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee. The Subcommittee was delegated duties and powers with respect to solid and hazardous waste. The constituting agreement of the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee requires that the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee report at least annually to the Committee on the activities of the Subcommittee.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The early meetings of the Subcommittee established relationships with the joint venture company (Transwaste Canterbury Ltd), the appointment of nominee directors, relationships with the Canterbury Regional Council, and confirmed which of the members of the Subcommittee would take part in the regional landfill process. Attachment 2 shows the structure adopted for the Canterbury regional landfill project. Six councils, Christchurch City, Banks Peninsula District, Ashburton District, Selwyn District, Waimakariri District and Hurunui District opted to proceed with the proposal to act jointly with Canterbury Waste Services Ltd in the joint venture project. The company named Transwaste Canterbury Ltd manages the project on behalf of the shareholders.

Progress reports on the landfill site selection process were received by the Subcommittee and at the meeting on 11 October 1999 it was resolved to support the Trig site in the Selwyn District as the preferred site. The Committee's four nominee directors were instructed to recommend this site to Transwaste Canterbury Ltd for further investigation and consultation. Committee members will be aware of the events since this decision and the result of the investigations. A consultant geologist established that a faultline which may be active runs through the Trig site and further consideration of this as a suitable site for landfill has been abandoned. Other sites are now being investigated. The Subcommittee is currently seeking advice and is in negotiation with other shareholder partners in determining a fair rate of return on the councils' investment in the project.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

The Canterbury Waste Subcommittee and the Canterbury Regional Council have established a joint working party to develop integrated waste management strategies for the disposal of hazardous waste in Canterbury. A hazardous waste strategy for the region was adopted by the working party in February 2000. The 10 constituent councils of the Joint Committee have agreed to contribute to this project and will support the officer staff group investigating initiatives.

Work is currently underway to confirm the proposed priorities for the reduction of the seven priority hazardous waste types in Canterbury. In addition networks are being developed with other practitioners throughout New Zealand. The working party has reported to the meeting of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee to be held following this meeting.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.