



8. HALSWELL DRAINAGE DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to seek the nomination of an elected member of the Community Board as the Christchurch City Council representative on the Halswell Drainage District Liaison Committee.

BACKGROUND

The formally constituted Halswell Drainage District managed by the Canterbury Regional Council serves a large mostly rural area within the Halswell River Catchment located predominantly within the Selwyn District but also extending into Banks Peninsula and Christchurch city districts. Part of the city suburb of Halswell lies within both the Halswell Drainage District and the Christchurch City Council Drainage District. To avoid both the City Council and the Canterbury Regional Council invoicing ratepayers for drainage rates, an arrangement was made several years ago whereby ratepayers meet the Christchurch City Council drainage rate directly and the City Council pays the Regional Council the Halswell drainage rate for the affected land.

The Canterbury Regional Council administers the Halswell Drainage scheme and carries out waterway maintenance and other activities on the artificial drains and natural waterways within the area. The Regional Council has set up a liaison committee with an advisory role as an interface between ratepayers and the Council. The committee comprises 10 members including a ratepayer representative for each sub area of the district, a representative from each of the district councils and one from Federated Farmers. Two or three meetings are held each year.

Late last year the Regional Council called for nominations for a three-year term on the liaison committee. Chris Rance, Waterways and Wetlands Maintenance/Renewals Team Leader in the Water Services Unit, acted as the City Council representative for the last three years. However both City Council and Regional Council managers consider that an elected member from the Riccarton Wigram Community Board would be a more appropriate representative than a member of staff.

The role is expected to be somewhat similar to that performed by Mr Mora on the Selwyn Water Races Committee.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Riccarton Wigram Community Board:

1. Nominated an elected member to represent the Christchurch City Council on the Halswell Drainage District Liaison Committee for the current three-year term.
2. Notify the Canterbury Regional Council of the nomination.

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Recommendation: That a Wigram ward member be the Board's representative on the Halswell Drainage District Liaison Committee.