

6. NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a representative of the Environment Committee to attend three National Energy Efficiency Strategy workshops and visit the Ranui example of co-housing in Auckland.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA), in conjunction with Ministry for the Environment, is preparing the draft of the Government's first national energy efficiency and conservation strategy – as mandated under the new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (2000). The draft strategy will be released for public submissions in April 2001.

As influencers of energy efficiency practice and renewable energy in New Zealand, they would like Christchurch City Council's and Councillors' input to the strategy development.

The full-day sectoral workshops, which are being held in October, will develop input to the draft strategy. The Council and relevant officers, through these workshops (Energy Supply; Transport; Industry and Commerce; Community and Household), will be given an opportunity to:

- comment on sectoral issues;
- give their views on what the scope of the strategy should be;
- suggest priorities for areas to focus on to improve energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy in New Zealand.

There are also two workshops in Auckland – the Industry and Commercial workshop on 18 October and the Community and Household workshop the following day, as well as the Community and Housing workshop in Christchurch on 25 October, which the Council representative could attend.

While the workshops are free of charge, approval is required for travel and accommodation costs and the usual daily meeting allowance.

While in Auckland, the Council representative could also take the opportunity of looking at the Ranui example of co-housing. On his/her return, it is expected that the representative could help to give a seminar to Councillors on the development of an eco-village in Christchurch. This seminar will be to present the example of co-housing in Ranui and the representative could visit this while in Auckland. This would mean an extra night's accommodation (total of two nights).

Councillors David Close and Sally Buck were specially approached in regard to attending the workshops and visiting Ranui.

- Recommendation:**
1. That approval be given for a Councillor to attend the National Energy Efficiency Strategy workshops as outlined above.
 2. That approval be given for a Councillor to stay an additional night in Auckland in order to visit the Ranui example of co-housing.
 3. That the Council representative be paid the usual meeting allowance for the days attending the workshops and that associated travel and accommodation costs (two nights) be met by Council.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the attendance of a member at the workshops.