

2. REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE

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

The Canterbury Joint Standing Committee was established on 7 December 1998 pursuant to Section 114S of the Local Government Act 1974. In terms of the constituting agreement the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee has delegated all its functions, duties and powers (clause 5 of the constituting agreement refers) to the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee with the proviso, as contained in clause 6, that the Subcommittee report to the Joint Standing Committee at least annually on the activities of the exercise of the Subcommittee's functions.

The last meeting of the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee was held on 12 June 2000. Since then the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee has met a total of eight times and significant items considered by the Subcommittee have related to:

- The investigations into the suitability of the Kate Valley site for a new regional landfill.
- Regional waste minimisation initiatives.
- Regional approach to organics.
- A public information/education campaign.
- Transwaste Canterbury Limited Statement of Corporate Intent and Business Plan.
- Update on regional hazardous waste disposal.

At the meeting of the Subcommittee on 20 July 2001 members were advised of the purchase of the Tirimoana Station by Canterbury Waste Services within which the Kate Valley site is contained. Since then extensive investigations into the suitability of the site have been undertaken and reported back to the Subcommittee on a regular basis. Should this site be confirmed as the new site for the regional landfill it is anticipated that a resource consent will be sought in the latter part of 2001 with the prospect of the new landfill opening in mid-2004.

Another major initiative undertaken during the reporting period has been the involvement of the Recovered Materials Foundation in undertaking a study of what advantages might accrue from adopting a regional approach in some areas of recycling and waste minimisation.

It should be noted that further reports on both the above topics will be submitted at the meeting of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee to be held later in the morning.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.