

15. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 14 AUGUST 2001**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment and Health Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 August 2001.

The meeting was attended by Alison Wilkie (Chairperson), Bob Shearing, David Buist, Mike Mora and Neville Bennett.

1. **MS LESLEY WOUDBERG, SENIOR POLICY ANALYST WITH THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**

Ms Woudberg had been invited to address the Committee on the Ministry's Rio+10 Community Programme.

The Rio+10 programme asks what environmental issues matter to you, and what you think needs to be done in the future.

The Committee was interested to hear perhaps the two main issues facing Canterbury, marine and dairy farming, have taken off at a speed which has surprised the Ministry.

Ms Woudberg encouraged the Committee to have the Community Board contact the Ministry regarding their feelings and concerns on these issues.

The Committee **received** the information tabled and thanked Ms Woudberg for her informative presentation.

2. **UPPER RICCARTON DOMAIN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Due to the ongoing deliberations by the Board on matters to do with the tennis club's application for another court and carparking on the domain, local residents Eckehard Brockerhoff and Linda Brookes addressed the Committee with their concerns.

Both spoke, saying that they believe most residents in the area are opposed to what this tennis club is proposing and that in fact the club has misled locals.

The Committee **received** the information.

3. **CHRISTCHURCH KART CLUB**

Bill Morgan, Property Services Officer, was on hand to speak to his report (which had been received by the Council's Parks and Recreation Committee on 8 August 2001, also). Council is currently looking at an exchange of two Council reserves for the land wanted for the Kart Club in Templeton. Iwi need to be consulted and resource consent will be required for the kart operation and for mineral extraction by Fulton and Hogan as it is proposed to have the kart track below ground level.

The excavation is likely to take five years.

The Committee **received** the report.

4. **DR MIKE FREEMAN, ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY, "COMPLIANCE MONITORING OF RESOURCE CONSENTS AND PERMITTED ACTIVITIES, 1998/99 AND 1999/2000"**

Due to having recently received the above publication, Dr Mike Freeman had been invited to speak to the Committee on questions from them, on water and gravel extraction, bore installations and industrial waste.

He spoke on the history of gravel pits in Canterbury and the need to manage them in a way to protect and reduce ground water contamination.

Dr Freeman said there was no evidence of long term reduction of ground water, however nitrate nitrogen contamination was becoming an issue in areas where dairying was increasing.

He told the Committee that in the late 1980's pesticides were a concern as industrial wastes, however now underground fuel tanks were a great concern. A comprehensive draft document on ground water quality management is due out before the end of this financial year.

The Committee appreciated Mr Freeman's contribution and invited him to return to speak further on related matters.

**Chairperson's
Recommendation:** That the report be received.