


9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMENTARY BY CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PEGASUS BAY BEACH USERS ASSOCIATION ADVERTISEMENT IN THE PRESS, 4 JULY 2002



The newly-formed Pegasus Bay Beach Users Association (PBBUA) makes a number of assertions in a recent advertisement in the Press (4 July). Most of the assertions are based on extreme conclusions arising from selective partial quotes, and are readily refuted by factual evidence.

The six Canterbury Councils involved in the regional waste joint venture entered into the arrangement after many years of investigations and deliberations, including looking at all alternatives for waste disposal. There was a rigorous consultation, planning and negotiation process involving the public, all of the Canterbury territorial local authorities, and commercial waste companies. The six Canterbury Councils involved in the joint venture, represented by the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee, completely reject the assertions made in the PBBUA advertisement.

Because the advertisement was long and detailed, and so incorrect in so many ways, it is not possible to summarise our concerns in a simple statement. The Canterbury Waste Subcommittee has therefore provided a detailed commentary on the assertions made in the PBBUA advertisement. This commentary is attached.