

7. BURWOOD CONSENT UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the current resource consent applications for Burwood Landfill.

BACKGROUND

The current consent to landfill at Burwood expires at the end of May 2002. In July 2000 the Council resolved to submit an application for an extension of time until May 2006, or until the new regional landfill is operational (anticipated to be mid-2004), whichever is the earlier. The application was lodged in December 2000, together with an application for an aftercare consent plan for the site, to cover a 35-year period after the landfill has closed (on-going monitoring, rehabilitation, etc).

There is no known viable alternative landfill site for Christchurch City's refuse other than Burwood until the new regional landfill is operational.

UPDATE

Ninety-two submissions were received by Environment Canterbury, of which only a few requested to be heard at the hearings. Hearings were held on 25 and 26 February 2002 and a decision is expected by April 2002.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the information be received.