

10. OCEAN OUTFALL OPTIONS

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an opportunity to submit comments on the Water Quality and Beach Standards consultation document as it relates to the Ocean Outfall Wastewater discharge (copy distributed with the agenda).

The consultation document is available to the wider community through service centres and libraries for those that wish to provide their views on this important issue. Also, for those that wish, the survey may be filled out "on line" on the Council's web site. A media campaign will make the community aware this document is available and that this is their opportunity to influence the Council's choice on options for the outfall pipeline.

A separate survey is also being undertaken by a market research company to provide more detailed information from a wide cross-section of the Christchurch community.

The closing date for all submissions is 31 March 2004, and there is an opportunity to make verbal submissions.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board complete the submission form attached to the consultation document on the Ocean Outfall options and indicate whether it wishes to speak in support of same.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion. If the Board is unable to reach consensus, members may wish to make their own individual submissions.