

6. BURWOOD LANDFILL ACCESS ROAD - RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of authorisation given by the Council to lodge a resource consent to alter the alignment of a portion of the access road to the Burwood Landfill.

A report was made to the Council meeting on 11 December 2003 seeking authorisation to lodge a resource consent. The Council resolved to apply for any necessary and appropriate resource consents to facilitate this project.

BACKGROUND

Vehicular access to Burwood Landfill between Waitakiri Drive/Burwood Road and the landfill kiosk is along a stretch of approximately 600 metres of sealed road used for cartage of refuse to the landfill. Approximately 400 metres of this road is on land owned by Ngai Tahu, part of a large piece of vacant land stretching from the access road up to Burwood Hospital, to be developed for residential sections.

This arises from a road stopping carried out in 1952 to limit access to the plantation for fire protection purposes. The land was vested in the Crown as was the practice at the time. This allowed the Council to claim ownership at a later date. Unfortunately the Crown declared this land among other holdings in the area surplus to their requirements which saw it transfer to Ngai Tahu. Ngai Tahu has informed the Council that it requires the road for inclusion into its proposed subdivision application which it intends lodging early next year. That means that the relevant part of the access road will need to be shifted approximately 100-150 metres to the north so the whole of the access road in future will be on Council owned land. (See attached map.)

PROPOSED ACTION

The current access road is part of the resource consent conditions for Burwood Landfill, and a change in the alignment may require a resource consent application to Environment Canterbury either for a change in the existing consent conditions, or a new consent, in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991. The alignment of the access road is also contained in the City Plan and the Waimairi District Plan. The Legal Services Unit advises that in the circumstances, the Council should apply to the Regional Council to allow for the realignment of the access road and possibly ancillary issues related to the effects of excavation and fill.

SUMMARY

Vehicular access to Burwood Landfill is an essential element of the operation of a refuse disposal system for Christchurch and its neighbouring territorial authorities. The Council is on notice that Ngai Tahu owns the land on which part of the access is located and intends to develop it for residential purposes. It is therefore prudent for the Council to take steps now to provide for an alternative alignment of the access.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.