12. CERTIFICATION OF WASTE SENT TO KATE VALLEY LANDFILL

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The purpose of this report is to recommend that a co-ordinated approach be supported and developed for certifying that waste sent to Kate Valley complies with resource consent requirements.

BACKGROUND

Advice on the certification requirements for waste to be sent to Kate Valley has been received from Transwaste Canterbury Ltd – see letter dated 30 August 2004 in the public excluded section of the agenda.

The following resource consent condition is relevant:

The relevant territorial authority has to certify to Transwaste that:

- 1. The Territorial Authority has adopted and implemented a Waste Management Plan in terms of Section 531(a)(1) of the Local Government Act 1974, which incorporates provision for the collection and reduction, reuse, recycling, recovery, treatment or disposal of waste in the District in terms of section 539 (2)(a) of the Local Government Act (or any substitute Act); and that
- 2. The Territorial Authority is regularly monitoring its own progress in the implementation of that plan; and that
- 3. Any relevant requirements of the plan have been implemented with respect to that waste and that the disposal of the waste is consistent with any policy or policies embodied in such a plan.

Transwaste Canterbury Ltd has requested that the certification be in place by February 2005.

DISCUSSION

It is appropriate for the landfill shareholders to develop a common approach for the waste certification process as the same certification requirements would apply to all. A single certification by each participating council is considered appropriate as the certification relates to matters that territorial authorities themselves have control over, e.g. each territorial authority's waste management plan, and initiatives to achieve respective goals, targets and implementation thereof.

It is recommended that John Buchan of Buddle Findlay be requested to provide the relevant advice and pro-forma certification for use by all landfill councils because of his prior involvement and knowledge about the Subcommittee and its processes. Funding for this exists in the 2004/05 Subcommittee budget.

SUMMARY

A common approach to certification of residual waste from territorial authorities to Kate Valley is proposed.

Staff

Recommendation:

- 1. That the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee confirm that a common approach to complying with resource consent requirements is supported.
- 2. That John Buchan of Buddle Findlay be requested to provide the required advice.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.