6. USE OF BURWOOD LANDFILL TO SUPPORT EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY OPERATIONS

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UPDATE

- 1. Burwood landfill has been closed since Kate Valley landfill opened in June 2005. After the 4 September Canterbury earthquake a need was identified for a disposal site close to the city for food and general waste that could not be transported immediately to Kate Valley because of transport limitations. With Environment Canterbury's agreement a new cell was opened at Burwood under emergency provisions. This initial cell operated from the 13 September to the 18 September and accepted 3,600 tonnes of food waste, general waste and demolition waste.
- 2. In October it was recognised that there was a need for a site to accept mixed demolition material from buildings that had collapsed, were unsafe to enter or posed a risk to adjacent buildings, road users or pedestrians and needed immediate demolition. A consent variation to allow this material to be accepted at Burwood was granted by Environment Canterbury on the 26 November 2010.
- 3. The consent permits the acceptance of up to 20,000 tonnes of demolition material associated with the Canterbury Earthquake over the period between 1 November 2010 and 31 March 2011. To date 3,700 tonnes of demolition has been received under the terms of the consent variation.
- 4. It is intended to close the landfill again from the 31 January 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the information be received.