

9. PROPOSED NATIONAL PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP SCHEME FOR TYRES

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PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is for the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee to consider endorsing the proposed National Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme by way of a Letter of Support (**Attachment 1**).

HISTORY

2. The disposal of waste tyres or tyres that are past their usable life is a regional and national issue. There is no feasible or sustainable disposal option currently available in New Zealand. Disposal costs are borne by the end user, whether it be the automotive industry sector operator, the car owner or in illegal dumping situations, councils.
3. A previous attempt was made by the Motor Trade Association to establish a national tracking system for the safe disposal of tyres, however this was voluntary, non enforceable, and uptake waned and was dropped nationally.
4. Whole tyres are not suitable for direct disposal to landfill, as they cause operational problems. They require cutting up or shredding prior to land filling, the cost of which is borne by the disposer.
5. The current cost of disposing of tyres is seen by many as high and prohibitive and leads to illegal disposal options. The intent of this letter is to gather support nationally from all regional and local authorities to raise the issue with the Minister for the Environment. This will also support an application to the Waste Minimisation Fund to secure funds to have an independent study done on an efficient, compliant and economically sustainable nationwide disposal option and the best model for establishing a sustainable national tyre product stewardship scheme for New Zealand.
6. An Environment Canterbury representative (Don Chittock) is nationally co-ordinating all regional and unitary council responses and is assisting with the Waste Minimisation Fund application with a consultant. The Committee will incur no costs from this proposal as Environment Canterbury will provide staff resources.
7. Views of affected parties:
 - (a) the proposal outlined here has been discussed with the CWJC staff group and is supported;
 - (b) Environment Canterbury will facilitate the regional role in this proposal and co-ordinate with national organisations and central government;
 - (c) nationally, support is very high to establish a stewardship programme for used tyres and a waste minimisation fund application. This letter has been circulated to all regional and unitary authorities with requests to be distributed to territorial authorities;
 - (d) industry has also been consulted to support this proposal locally and nationally, the Motor Trade Association has stated that they will support a national product stewardship scheme and Waste Minimisation Fund application.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee:

- (a) Agrees to support the proposed National Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme by way of a letter of support.
- (b) Supports Environment Canterbury as the regional facilitator and coordinator of this proposal.
- (c) Requires staff to provide an update to the Committee after six months.