

# **CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2011**

**AT 11.30AM**

**IN THE NO 2 COMMITTEE ROOM, CIVIC OFFICES, 53 HEREFORD STREET**

**Committee:** Councillor Sally Buck (Christchurch City Council)  
Mayor Claire Barlow (Mackenzie District Council)  
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council)  
Councillor Stu Burrows (Kaikoura District Council)  
Councillor Dick Davison (Hurunui District Council)  
Councillor Matt Henderson (Waimate District Council)  
Councillor Aaron Keown (Christchurch City Council)  
Councillor Glenn Livingstone (Christchurch City Council)  
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## 5. REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION PROJECTS 2010/2011 UPDATE

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	Jane Parfitt, General Manager, City Environment, DDI 941-8608
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Mark Christison, Water and Waste Manager,
<b>Author:</b>	Zefanja Potgieter, Senior Resource Planner, Network Planning (City Water and Waste)

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- To provide an update on the projects approved on 9 August 2010.

**BACKGROUND**

- The following projects were approved by the Committee:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Service Provider</b>	<b>Budget \$</b>	<b>Approved by committee</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Compost product development (year four of a five year project)	Crop and Food Research	30,000	30,000	Staff will report verbally at the meeting
Business resource efficiency	Target Sustainability	39,300	39,300	Staff will report verbally at the meeting
Promoting sustainable procurement options to member councils by way of workshops	Tony Moore - CCC	500	500	Scheduled for March/April 2011
E-Scrap recycling	Timaru District Council	18,300	18,300	Staff/consultants will report verbally at the meeting
Zero Waste Event Policy	Timaru District Council	3,000	Held over to next meeting	Staff/consultants will report verbally at the February meeting
Raising waste-awareness in the community – cinema advertisements	Timaru District Council	15,000	\$1,500	Staff/consultants will provide more information at the February meeting
Template for territorial authority waste minimisation web pages ("E-Book")	Timaru District Council	20,000	\$5,000	Staff/consultants will provide more information at the February meeting
On-the-road-recycling	Timaru District Council	18,268	18,268	Staff and consultants will report verbally at the meeting.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>144,368</b>		

- As there are new members to the Committee, the descriptions of the different projects (which were originally part of the August 2010 report) are repeated below in italics, where considered useful, and if required staff will verbally add further information.

**Compost Product Development**

- The Committee will complete its three year commitment to this project into its third year, and has authorised \$30,000 toward that.

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**Business Resource Efficiency**

5. Resource Efficiency Programme for a total of seven new Canterbury business members. These business members are to be recruited from the Timaru, Waimate and possibly other districts.
6. Complete existing resource efficiency programmes with three current Canterbury business member sites. These business sites include Design Line in the Selwyn District and two Continental Catering sites in the Waimakariri District.

**Promoting sustainable procurement options to member councils by way of a staff workshop**

7. This workshop is now planned for the 2010/11 year.

**E-Scrap Recycling**

<b>Project</b>	<i>E-SCRAP RECYCLING</i>
<b>Total Cost</b>	Year 1 \$18,300 Year 2 \$47,500 ( to be confirmed for that year)
<b>Time Frame</b>	<i>Two year project.</i>
<b>Region</b>	Year 1 – <i>Trial in the Timaru district</i> Year 2 – <i>Canterbury-wide rollout</i>
<b>Supervisor</b>	<i>Briony Woodnorth, Timaru District Council</i>
<b>Outline</b>	<p><i>Metalcorp, a scrap metal business in Christchurch, is establishing procedures for handling e-waste (preferably known as e-scrap, i.e. unwanted computers, laptops, batteries, in fact, anything with an electrical cord). They see a market for e-scrap as a commodity and Metalcorp will act as the recycler to process the e-scrap domestically. (refer <b>Attachment 1</b>).</i></p> <p><i>Nationally, scrap metal dealers will act as collectors and there is potential for councils to act as sub-collectors, providing a framework for people to deliver e-scrap to transfer stations.</i></p> <p><i>Timaru District Council proposes establishing a trial at its transfer stations working with a local scrap metal dealer and with Metalcorp to establish best practice for collecting and advertising of this programme.</i></p> <p><i>After evaluation, this trial and the infrastructure and advertising could be rolled out across Canterbury.</i></p> <p><b>Since approval of this project in August 2010, the Ministry for the Environment announced a new countrywide e-waste pilot project funded by the Waste Minimisation Fund, to be provided by the RCN/CRN partnership. This new information was evaluated by staff to determine whether it impacts on the Metalcorp proposal already approved by the Committee. The outcome of the evaluation was to recommend that the Committee proceeds with the already approved Metalcorp proposal, and the reasons can be discussed at the February meeting.</b></p>

<p><b>Benefits</b></p>	<p><i>This system of collecting e-scrap offers a permanent service to ratepayers to get rid of unwanted computers, laptops, batteries, in fact, anything with an electrical cord. A transfer station is open all year instead of having to wait for one E-day in the year to get rid of e-waste.</i></p> <p><i>Working through an established scrap metal dealer offers 99.9% recovery as the computer is fully broken down into its various components and sold as scrap. Local processing expands the local economy by adding value and providing jobs.</i></p> <p><i>In the long term, there will be a value to be returned to the sub-collectors and collectors as running the system in this way places a value on the e-scrap as a commodity.</i></p> <p><i>Transfer stations offer a wide network of collection points to facilitate the best return of e-scrap.</i></p>																
<p><b>Deliverables</b></p>	<p><i>Collection system trial</i></p> <p><i>Advertising templates</i></p> <p><i>-media releases, posters, radio and cinema advertising</i></p>																
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## Zero Waste Event Policy

<b>Project</b>	ZERO WASTE EVENT POLICY
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$3,000.00. (Funding held over to February meeting).
<b>Time Frame</b>	From September 2010 to June 2011
<b>Supervisor</b>	Briony Woodnorth, Timaru District Council
<b>Region</b>	Available for all councils to access
<b>Outline</b>	The purpose of this project is to provide councils with a standardised policy for outlining requirements for zero waste events. Councils offer a lot of support for events. The focus of the policy is to place the organisation of the waste management on the event organiser and make it a compulsory requirement for a council supported event, thereby ensuring proper recycling support services are provided.
<b>Benefits</b>	Increase public use of zero waste event recycling Promote waste minimisation at events by diverting recycling and organics Moving the responsibility for waste management from council to event organisers.
<b>Costs Breakdown</b>	This event will mainly be managed in-house. The \$3,000.00 allows for some consultant's time as required.

## Raising awareness in the community

<b>Project</b>	Raising waste-awareness in cinemas
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$15,000. (\$1,500 approved).
<b>Time Frame</b>	September 2010 to June 2011
<b>Supervisor</b>	Ruth Clarke, Timaru District Council
<b>Outline</b>	Screen Vista is a company offering cinema advertising. This offers an opportunity to market waste minimisation to a captive audience at the movies. The aim is to provide some messages with themes common to councils across Canterbury, for example "Let's Recycle", "Let's Compost", "Don't burn Treated Timber".
<b>Benefits</b>	This advertising can use graphic and animation to enhance the message and appeal to movie goers. The message may reach a different audience to that of other mediums such as newspaper or radio. Generic messages can be screened across all of Canterbury increasing public awareness.
<b>Costs Breakdown</b>	Estimate for 1 commercial running for 13 weeks on 13 screens, giving a total of 326 spots per week. Detailed costs to be presented at meeting

**Template for territorial authority waste minimisation web pages ("E-Book")**

<b>Project</b>	<i>Template for territorial authority waste minimisation web pages ("E-Book")</i>
<b>Total Cost</b>	<i>\$20,000.00. (\$5,000 approved).</i>
<b>Time Frame</b>	<i>September 2010 to June 2011</i>
<b>Supervisor</b>	<i>Ruth Clarke and Briony Woodnorth, Timaru District Council</i>
<b>Region</b>	<i>All CWJC councils</i>
<b>Outline</b>	<p><i>Each of the 9 local governments in Canterbury provides a wealth of information online in the waste field. We all supply more or less the same information, to a greater or lesser degree. The aim of this project is to provide a standardised template for councils to present their waste management information and to simplify access.</i></p> <p><i>Each Council's specific information such as fees and charges, transfer opening hours and what goes in their recycling bins would be hosted on their own websites with a link from the e-book. However, all other generic information would be hosted in a standard format on the world wide web by Geon Print. This includes information such as what happens to your paper and your aluminium cans, why recycle, zero waste, worm farming, composting, waste reduction, links to other site, application form for Paint-wise, hazardous waste, etc.</i></p>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p><i>Ease of access to information about waste that is relevant to the entire district, instead of searching each Council's website.</i></p> <p><i>A brief survey of the 9 Councils shows real gaps in information provided to communities. This project would consolidate and update all information. A large range of generic information can be presented in an attractive on-line format. This saves duplication of effort to produce similar information, has a one-off set up cost, and would mean we are all 'reading from the same page', as it were. The 'book' can be expanded as required.</i></p> <p><i>The only pages each Council would be responsible for updating would be the ones relevant to each district (fees, charges, opening hours etc), and as this is already done annually, it would require no extra work. Video links can also be added along with graphics and animation to enhance information.</i></p> <p><i>Could also be an educational tool for schools? It can link to a range of websites offering more detailed information.</i></p>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<i>An on-line 'book' all councils can place on their website for waste management information.</i>
<b>Costs Breakdown</b>	<i>To be presented at the meeting</i>

## On the Road Recycling

<b>Project</b>	<i>On The Road Recycling (OTRR) – South Island Rollout</i>															
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$18,268															
<b>Time Frame</b>	<p><i>Summer 2011 – establish and support drop off points for each region, update and distribute materials (posters, fliers, maps), advertising in local publications, OTRR website updated and links set up to Canterbury sites.</i></p> <p><i>Summer 2012 – local networks set up (tourism, council and waste management), advertising in key visitor guides, moving scheme to user pays with bags in campervans.</i></p>															
<b>Supervisor</b>	<i>Sophie Ward, Wanaka Wastebusters and Ruth Clarke, Timaru District Council</i>															
<b>Region</b>	<p><i>Already in place in Otago.</i></p> <p><i>Canterbury covering the following district councils; Kaikoura, Hurunui, Waimakariri, Christchurch City, Selwyn, Ashburton, Timaru, Waimate and Mackenzie. Canterbury is the key being the tourism gateway the South Island.</i></p> <p><i>Other South Island areas being approached independently.</i></p>															
<b>Outline</b>	<i>This project will set up a system of drop-off points and provide information to travellers to access facilities for recycling while travelling.</i>															
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reinforcement of New Zealand's commitment to sustainable resource use through the visitor experience of participating in recycling.</i></li> <li>• <i>Support for the '100% Pure' brand – travellers' practical experience backs up the marketing and their expectations are met.</i></li> <li>• <i>Litter reduction – recyclables and rubbish more likely to be disposed of appropriately.</i></li> <li>• <i>Creates a comprehensive network of recycling drop off points across the region.</i></li> <li>• <i>Cost recovery – recyclers receive some revenue through the user pays bag system to help cover the cost of handling the material.</i></li> </ul>															
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fliers, posters, stickers, map of drop-off locations, fact sheets for staff and training</i></li> <li>• <i>Adverts for local media timed for seasonal peaks</i></li> <li>• <i>Clearly defined network of drop off locations (may include transfer stations, in town sites, holiday parks and accommodation outlets)</i></li> <li>• <i>OTRR website linked in with key tourism and waste information sites</i></li> <li>• <i>Communications and media plan (leveraging relationships with stakeholders e.g. AA)</i></li> </ul>															
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## RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.



**6. STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEE AND WITHDRAWAL OF ECAN FROM THE CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE AND AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8608
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Unit Manager, City Water and Waste
<b>Author:</b>	Zefanja Potgieter, Senior Resource Planner, Network Planning City Water and Waste

**HISTORY**

1. On 9 August 2010 Commissioner Tom Lambie advised the committee about Environment Canterbury's proposal to withdraw from the committee. On 26 August 2010 Ecan formally confirmed that decision, and resolved that Environment Canterbury:
  - (a) *Removes itself from the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Subcommittee and any current and future responsibility for servicing the subcommittee, including any subsequent changes to Project Levels of Service and Funding;*
  - (b) *Approves the change in status of Environment Canterbury on the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee from member to observer, and notes that as an act of good faith will contribute the agreed contribution for the 2010/11 financial year;*
  - (c) *Requests staff work with the territorial authorities to ensure agreed work programmes are delivered.*

**DISCUSSION**

2. The implications of Environment Canterbury's withdrawal from the Committee are as follows:
  - (a) The Constituting Agreement does not provide for 'observer status' as mentioned by Environment Canterbury however the committee's meetings are open to the public so in effect it amounts to observer status for any party;
  - (b) The Constituting Agreement itself needs to be formally amended to formally record the end of Environment Canterbury's membership, to adjust the budget contributions (see below), and to address options for future oversight of the existing hazardous waste management strategy (see below).
3. The process for amending the Constituting Agreement is for each member council to individually adopt an amended Constituting Agreement at its council meeting, and only once all territorial authorities have done so the new agreement will it take effect. This process is likely to take several months. A tracked changes draft Constituting Agreement is attached (refer **Attachment 1**) for consideration reflecting the changes set out below.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT:**

4. **Funding**  
Ecan currently contributes 25 per cent of the annual \$150,000 budget, so as from 1 July 2011 the regional waste minimisation budget would be reduced by \$37,500. An annual budget of \$110,000 as from 1 July 2011 is proposed, and the agreement has been updated with recent population statistics, which are used to apportion the budget contribution from member TLA's.
5. **Hazardous Waste Subcommittee**  
The committee needs to consider the position of the hazardous waste subcommittee which in terms of the current Constituting Agreement has to be chaired by an Environment Canterbury representative, and is serviced by Environment Canterbury, and historically has been jointly funded by Ecan and the territorial authorities. Future funding of hazardous waste strategy implementation will be done solely by Environment Canterbury.
6. The proposal in the attached draft Constituting Agreement is to provide for an optional (not mandatory) hazardous waste subcommittee and it is recommended that the committee incorporates hazardous waste issues directly into the committee's responsibilities, and in due course evaluate if a change to a subcommittee is required. In the past the subcommittee met once a year.

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7. The current hazardous waste management strategy will run to July 2012, and will need to be reconsidered in due course. Environment Canterbury will still be performing a variety of hazardous waste functions in line with the strategy even though it has elected to formally withdraw from the committee, and the subcommittee. Such functions will in future be funded solely by Environment Canterbury and its staff will continue to advise and assist the committee when it considers hazardous waste issues.
8. Membership and quorum: Updating to reflect the reduction in number of representatives from 13 to 11.
9. Alternates  
Over the years Timaru District Council has maintained and has provided legal advice that the provision in the Constituting Agreement for alternates (clause 11) is ultra vires and should be deleted. Seeing that this clause is seldom used and no attendance issues have been encountered there is no need for it anymore and it can now be deleted.
10. New Clause  
Providing for attendance of meetings by phone or video conference: It is recommended that the agreement be amended by adding a clause to allow phone or video attendances. Venues used for phone or video attendances will need to also be publicly notified in the usual manner, and be open to the public.
11. The section setting out the background to the agreement has been updated and shortened.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee:

- (a) Notes the 26 August 2010 decisions of Environment Canterbury reported above, and on behalf of the other members of the committee thanks Environment Canterbury for its support and contributions to date;
- (b) Adopts the amended draft Constituting Agreement 2011, to be forwarded to all member Councils for consideration, adoption and signature by April 2011, to come into effect no later than 1 June 2011;
- (c) Until the Constituting Agreement has been formally amended in 2011, the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee incorporates hazardous waste issues directly into the committee's responsibilities.

## 7. HAZARDOUS WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, City Environment, DDI 941-8608
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Unit Manager, City Water and Waste
<b>Author:</b>	Zefanja Potgieter, Senior Resource Planner, Network Planning, City Water and Waste, Chris Keeling and Don Chittock, Environment Canterbury.

### PURPOSE

1. To update the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee on the work undertaken in the 09/10 financial year and the work programme for the 10/11 year implementing the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy, as approved by the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Subcommittee.

*Note:* Environment Canterbury has formally withdrawn from the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee and will therefore not be servicing the Hazardous Waste Subcommittee in future. The Canterbury Waste Joint Committee will be kept informed of and have input into the continued implementation by Environment Canterbury staff of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy, and consequently Environment Canterbury staff will continue to advise the Committee.

### MEETINGS

2. There was no quorum for the 10 August 2009 meeting of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Sub Committee (CHWSC) and therefore an informal discussion was held (minutes attached). The previous full meeting was held on 8 September 2008. Implementation programmes for the 2008/09 and 2009/10 years were discussed including implementation of the national product stewardship programme for Agrichemicals.

### STAFFING

3. At the end of the 2009/10 financial year Environment Canterbury advised the CHWSC that no grant money from district councils would be required into the future for the implementation of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy (<http://ecan.govt.nz/publications/Pages/hazardous-waste-management-strategy.aspx>) and that the joint funded position of Regional Hazardous Waste Officer would be fully funded by Environment Canterbury.
4. Amelia Albrett finished working in the position of Regional Hazardous Waste Officer on 14 May 2010. Chris Keeling filled the position of Senior Pollution Prevention Officer (Hazardous Substances and Waste) on 2 August 2010, taking responsibility for current and future hazardous substances, hazardous waste and waste programmes.

### PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN 2009/10 AS OUTLINED IN THE CANTERBURY HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WERE:

5. Hazardous Waste Reduction Project with Industry Groups
  - (a) Work with the Electroplating industry to investigate their electroplating processes to identify cleaner production technologies and improve the management of hazardous waste streams;
  - (b) Trichloroethylene reduction.  
The aim of this project was to reduce the use of trichloroethylene in industry by finding alternative, less hazardous solvents or processes.
6. Alternatives to Treated Timber research project
  - (a) An investigation was carried out to identify materials that could potentially be used as alternatives to treated timber, and a report was produced.

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7. Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy Pt 2 update
  - (a) The Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy Pt 2 was last published in February 2006. The report identified implementation programmes for financial years 2005/06 to 2008/09. The current document is an update and lists the implementation programme for years 2008/09 to 2011/12.
8. Reference material for generators and handlers
  - (a) A fact sheet has been prepared, designed to assist handlers of treated timber, metal processing and waste oil.

**DOMESTIC HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFFS (DHWDO)**

9. Regional consistency:
  - (a) Site assessments of DHWDO facilities were conducted during September 2009, to assess the environmental performance of DHWDO sites and review site upgrades.
10. Site Expansion and Infrastructure Upgrade:
  - (a) During the site revisits it was found that some of the DHWDO sites required further infrastructure and resources to successfully manage their hazardous waste. The Regional Hazardous Waste Officer (RHWO) organised and provided resources.
11. Training:
  - (a) Two training courses were provided for resource recovery park staff, 'Approved Fillers' and 'Approved Handlers' training courses were organised by the RHWO and provided by external contractors.
12. Public Awareness:
  - (a) Promotional material was developed, to inform the public on the details of the DHWDO facilities in local communities.
13. Regional Disposal Contracts:
  - (a) An assessment of the current hazardous waste disposal arrangements at each DHWDO site was undertaken, to evaluate if a region wide disposal contract was viable to reduce each council's disposal costs.

**PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN 2010/11:**

14. Continuation of Hazardous Waste Reduction Project with Industry Groups.
  - (a) Trichloroethylene reduction/replacement project continuation;
  - (b) Reuse of foundry sand in road materials;
  - (c) MDF waste reduction. Feasibility of using high-grade, low formaldehyde MDF as commercial boiler fuel;
  - (d) Feasibility of automotive bumpers recycling;
  - (e) Support Timaru District Council E-waste disposal trial;
  - (f) Progression of waste tyre disposal options (locally and longer term nationally);
  - (g) Promotion of Rural Agri-plastics recycling product stewardship programme.

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15. Development and implementation of regional hazardous waste disposal contract and training package; and
16. Preparation of AgChem collection contract with 3R and Agrecovery.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the information be received.

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8. FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR THE CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE

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<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Unit Manager, City Water and Waste
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The committee needs to identify meeting dates for 2011. The following provisional dates are proposed:
  - (a) 29 April 2011;
  - (b) 12 August 2011; and
  - (c) 28 October 2011.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the above dates be considered.

## 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.

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**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.

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS**