

**CHRISTCHURCH WEST MELTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 23 AUGUST 2012**

**A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee was held in  
The Boardroom, Fendalton Service Centre, on Thursday 23 August 2012 at 6pm**

**PRESENT:** Ian Fox, Community Representative (Chairperson)  
Deidre Francis, Community Representative (Deputy Chairperson)  
Jon Harding, Community Representative  
Councillor Debra Hasson, Selwyn District Council  
Hugh Thorpe, Community Representative  
Robert Wynn-Williams, Community Representative  
Ann Winstanley, Community Representative

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absences was received and accepted from Councillor Sally Buck, Commissioner Rex Williams, Yvette Couch Lewis and Arapata Reuben.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 25 JULY 2012**

It was **decided** that the minutes of 25 July 2012 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

Nil.

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS**

Nil.

**4. IDENTIFICATION OF GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

Nil.

**5. REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Committee was briefed by Jon Harding on items of relevance to the zone, arising from the latest meeting of the Regional Committee of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

A priority area of interest to the Zone Committee was nitrate high spots, and the Committee requested to consider the information on this matter that had been on the agenda for the Regional Committee.

**6. UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY POLLUTION PREVENTION WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee received a presentation from Paul Gofton (Environment Canterbury) on Environment Canterbury's Pollution Prevention Work Programme (refer **attached**).

Key issues considered included:

- involvement of SKIRT in directing business services in relation to pollution prevention
- self regulation versus compliance monitoring
- stormwater facilities - retrofitting old subdivisions and the different issues with this compared to a new subdivision
- input to the draft ZIP – how the Committee can support the ongoing work of this unit.

**7. WETLANDS IN CANTERBURY**

The Committee was briefed by Tamsin Page and Philip Grove (both of Environment Canterbury), on wetlands in the context of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS).

Key issues considered included:

- the incorporation of cultural significance, as well as ecological significance into the database
- how significant wetlands are defined
- landowner's awareness and the possibility on ongoing education programme alongside the farm management plans
- additional effort in the zone to identify and categorise wetlands, as smaller wetlands are not picked up.

**8. INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY HABITAT ANALYSIS**

The Committee reviewed the working draft ZIP content report from Mimouk Hannan (Environment Canterbury) related to indigenous biodiversity, on the basis of additional analysis provided by an expert panel on indigenous biodiversity habitats.

The Committee noted the information contained within the report, and agreed to hold a workshop on this subject. It was also noted that a map location would be useful.

**9. WORKING DRAFT ZIP (REVISED CONTENT)**

The Committee received a verbal update on the revised content for the working draft ZIP from Zone Facilitator, Matthew Ross.

The Committee noted the need for adequate time to work on the ZIP prior to the public meeting.

**10. WORK PROGRAMME TO ZIP**

The Committee noted the updated work programme to producing the Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP).

The Committee agreed to cancel the workshop scheduled for 30 August, and hold workshops on 12 and 13 September with the same content to ensure all of the Committee have an opportunity to attend.

**11. WAIMAKARIRI RIVER AND CHRISTCHURCH AQUIFER INTERACTIONS**

The Committee received a presentation from Paul White of GNS Taupo, regarding his knowledge of the interactions between the Waimakariri River and the Christchurch Aquifers / Groundwater Protection Zones.

Significant issues discussed included:

- Cumulative effect of taking water outside the Waimakariri River
- Ways of achieving objective of increasing sprint flow to reduce the amount extracted and the amount used per head
- Catchment of springs beyond zone boundaries – issue for discussion with Waimakariri Zone Committee Joint Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.56pm

**CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012**

**IAN FOX  
CHAIRPERSON**