

5. WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AUCKLAND 30-31 MARCH 2004

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the attendance of the Chairman, Councillor Denis O'Rourke, at the second Waste Management Conference to be held in Auckland 30-31 March 2004.

This conference has been organised by Conferenz Limited and will be held over two days, 30-31 March 2004, at the Stafford Plaza Hotel in Auckland.

The conference is intended for local authority staff and elected representatives and organisations involved in waste management and some specific topics/speakers to the conference are as follows:

- The New Zealand Waste Minimisation Strategy - Mike Ward, MP, Green Party,
- Ket Bradshaw, Ministry for the Environment,
- Packaging of Goods - John Webber, Packaging Council New Zealand,
- Christchurch City Council - Councillor Denis O'Rourke,
- Chris Purchase, Sustainable Transport Group, Ministry for the Environment,
- Pipa Russel, Waste Exchange,
- Environmental Management Systems - Jane Whitlock, EcoSafe,
- Legislative Changes Simon Berry, Minter Alison Rudd and Watts,
- Contaminated Sites, Graham Proffitt, Pattle Delamore Partners Limited.

The Chairman Councillor Denis O'Rourke is a guest speaker at the conference hence no costs are involved for his attendance other than meeting attendance fees. (The cost of attendance for one person for two days is estimated at \$2,400 GST inc.)

Recommendation: That the attendance of the Chairman, Councillor Denis O'Rourke (one day only) and Councillor Sally Buck (two days) at the Waste Management Conference to be held in Auckland on 30-31 March 2004 be approved.

(Note: Since the meeting of the Committee on 9 March 2004 Councillor Buck has advised she is no longer able to attend the conference due to a meeting clash.)