


1. WATER QUALITY AND BEACH STANDARDS - HEARING OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS



At its meeting on 10 February 2004 the Committee resolved that a meeting be held on Monday 26 April and Tuesday 27 April 2004 to hear oral submissions on water quality and beach standards in respect of the ocean outfall.

As previously agreed one of the principal milestones for the ocean outfall pipeline project was consultation on water quality and beach standards. This consultation was undertaken earlier in 2004 and an information booklet showing the options in respect of ocean pipeline length and UV treatment was prepared for distribution to interested residents and organisations.

Written feedback on the outcomes the community expects from the ocean outfall pipeline regarding water quality and beach standards has been received via the information booklet and the Council's website. Submissions closed on 31 March 2004 and a total of 296 submissions were received.

Of these some 26 individuals or organisations had indicated that they also wished to make an oral submission. The purpose of the meeting of the Committee on 26 April was to allow for the hearing of these oral submissions which would then be considered further, together with an analysis of the written submissions and technical information, at two seminars for the Committee in June and July 2004. It is intended that following the seminar on 22 July 2004 a report and recommendation regarding pipeline length and UV disinfection then be made to the August 2004 meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.

A total of 17 individuals and organisation presented to the Committee (list attached) over the two day period set aside for oral hearings and the comments made by those submitters will also be considered as part of the consultation process.

Recommendation: That the information be received.