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**CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
12 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**A meeting of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee
was held on Monday 12 September 2005 at 10am**

PRESENT: Councillor Sally Buck (Christchurch City Council) (Chairperson),
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council),
Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council),
Councillor Lindsay Philips (Selwyn District Council),
Councillor Bob Shearing (Christchurch City Council),
Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council) and
Councillor Sue Wells (Christchurch City Council).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Mayor Kevin Heays (Kaikoura District Council),
Mayor Bob Parker (Banks Peninsula District Council),
Councillor James Gibson (Waimate District Council) and
Councillor Pat Mulvey (Timaru District Council).

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Councillor
Sue Wells.

Councillor Sue Wells arrived at 10.20 am and was absent for
clauses 1, 2, 3 and part of clause 4.

The Subcommittee reports that:

**PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS
TAKEN BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

The Chairperson sought the approval of the Subcommittee to introduce a supplementary item on shredder flock arising from light gauge metal recovery/recycling operations undertaken by Sims Pacific Metals in Christchurch.

The reasons why the item was not on the agenda and why the matter could not wait for the next meeting were explained to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee **decided** that the matter be considered at the present meeting.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 JULY 2005

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee's meeting of 11 July 2005 be confirmed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Subcommittee **received** correspondence from Transwaste Canterbury Limited advising of the company's recent review of its obligations under clause 5.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the requirement for an aftercare fund and its obligations under clause 5.5 in respect of the Risk Fund for the Kate Valley Landfill.

Also mentioned in the correspondence was advice that Transwaste had received and subsequently responded to a letter from the consenting authorities (ECan and Hurunui District Council) concerning a review of new geological information on the Kate Valley Landfill, written by Dr Alan Hull of Golder Associates.

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4. **DRAFT NEW CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT AND PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Mr John Buchan of Buddle Findlay, Solicitors was in attendance for this item.

Further to a Subcommittee decision on 11 July 2005, the Subcommittee considered a report setting out a proposed new draft Constituting Agreement (the Agreement) for the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee (CJSC) and also the matter of the proposed membership of the Canterbury Regional Council.

The report noted that owing to changes in the Local Government Act 2002, the CJSC's Constituting Agreement needed to be revised along with the concurrent proposal for ECan to be invited to join the CJSC.

Draft new Agreements had therefore been prepared for consideration which, upon adoption, would result in the existing dual structure of CJCS and CWSC (Canterbury Waste Subcommittee) being replaced with two separate joint committees, the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee (CWJC) and the Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committee.

The new Canterbury Waste Joint Committee would continue as before to advance regional waste minimisation initiative in all ten territorial authority areas of Canterbury plus the proposal to invite ECan to become a participating Council for regional waste minimization purposes.

The new Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committee would be the conduit by which only the six territorial authorities that are shareholders in Transwaste Canterbury Ltd for disposal at Kate Valley Landfill (Christchurch City and the District Councils for Banks Peninsula, Ashburton, Selwyn, Waimakariri and Hurunui) operate together on landfill issues.

This structure accords with the proposal made by ECan in its letter to the Subcommittee.

In practice there would be little difference to the current working of the Subcommittee as the two separate joint committees would meet consecutively on the same day. An advantage of establishing two separate joint committees is that it would provide transparency with respect to the separate activities.

The Subcommittee also supported an invitation being extended to the Waitaki District Council to join the proposed Canterbury Waste Joint Committee.

The Subcommittee **resolved** that member councils be requested to endorse:

- (a) The adoption of the submitted draft new constituting agreements for two separate joint committees, the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee and the Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committee.
- (b) Extending a formal invitation to the Canterbury Regional Council to consider the approved version of the new draft constituting agreement as a basis for possible future membership.
- (c) Extending a formal invitation to the Waitaki District Council to join the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee upon its formation.

5. **PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP AND WATER EFFICIENCY LABELLING**

The Subcommittee **received** the content of the Christchurch City Council's submission regarding the Ministry for the Environment's discussion paper on product stewardship and water efficiency labelling.

Members expressed their appreciation to the Christchurch City Council for sharing this information with the Subcommittee.

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In addition, the Subcommittee **resolved** that a letter be forwarded to the Ministry for the Environment noting that the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee had received the submission made by the Christchurch City Council and whilst some of the individual member councils may not have considered and responded on the matter, the Subcommittee endorses the submission made by that Council.

Staff undertook to circulate to members, a copy of the forwarded correspondence.

6. INFORMATION SHARING

Members were invited to share items of concern or interest.

Waimakariri District Council

Councillor Robbie Brine advised that his Council's solid waste management strategy was still progressing through councillor workshops and that the Council was taking a cautious and prolonged approach on the matter.

Hurunui District Council

Mayor Garry Jackson advised:

- the Council is establishing a Waste Management Board being a subcommittee of the Council and follows the Hurunui Tourism model. A Waste Manager is currently being recruited who will report directly to the Board.
- the Council is working with Environment Canterbury on the issues arising from the Hull report.

Selwyn District Council

Councillor Lindsay Philips advised that work on the new resource recovery centre at Rolleston was progressing well with an opening still on track for October/November.

Work is still proceeding in reviewing the Council's collection contracts.

Ashburton District Council

Councillor Bev Tasker advised that Waste Busters was starting their waste trial and that the recent Winter Waste Festival had been a very successful community event.

Christchurch City Council

- kerbside and home compost trial is in operation in three areas.
- a commercial putrescible plant is being proposed.
- the Council's Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan is being reviewed ahead of the Council's next LTCCP.
- Recovered Materials Foundation took over the city's three transfer stations in July and in general, the new arrangements were operating smoothly.

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7. SHREDDER FLOCK FROM LIGHT GAUGE METAL RECOVERY/ RECYCLING

Messrs Gareth James of Canterbury Waste Services Limited and Martin Ripley, Operations Manager for Sims Pacific Metals, were in attendance.

The Subcommittee was advised that the flock material arising from the car and light gauge metal recovery process undertaken by Sims Pacific in Christchurch for the entire South Island area, did not meet the waste acceptance criteria in respect of zinc content going to the Kate Valley Landfill.

Specific details of the operations undertaken by Sims Pacific were described to the Subcommittee and members asked various questions of Messrs James and Ripley.

Canterbury Waste Services Limited and Transwaste Canterbury Limited were seeking to find a suitable and timely solution to the disposal of the residual flock material including discussions with Environment Canterbury on resource consent related matters.

Arising from the information presented, it was **resolved** that the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee acknowledges the issues raised and asks that Transwaste Canterbury Limited along with any needed input from staff, explore all options and work urgently and constructively with all parties on the matter.

8. KATE VALLEY – SITE VISIT

The visit to view operations at Kate Valley involving member authorities is to be held on Tuesday 18 October 2005 departing at 12.30 pm from the Christchurch City Council's offices in Tuam Street.

The meeting concluded at 12.04 pm.

CONSIDERED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2005

MAYOR