

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A SEMINAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices
on Tuesday 21 November 2006 at 9.30am

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Wells (Chairperson),
Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Graham
Condon, Barry Corbett, David Cox, Anna Crighton,
Carole Evans, Pat Harrow, Bob Parker, Bob Shearing, Gail
Sheriff and Norm Withers.

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Lowndes (Deputy Chair, Akaroa/Wairewa
Community Board), Brenda Lowe-Johnson (member of
the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Ann Jolliffe (member of the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert
Community Board) and Mike Mora (member of the
Riccarton/Wigram Community Board).

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor
Bob Parker who arrived at 10.10am and Councillor
Sally Buck who arrived at 10.28am.

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<p>1. RMA ISSUES</p> <p>John Gibson (Planning Administration Manager) spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file).</p> <p>The presentation, questions and answers resulting therefrom, covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Decision MakingB. Special CircumstancesC. Implications of the Discount Brands DecisionD. Appointments of Panels and Commissioners <p>A. Decision Making</p> <p>Two key matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deciding to notify, limited notify, or non-notify.• Granting or refusing consent.	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notification, limited notification, non-notification.2. Non-notification (not a political decision – a quasi judicial decision subject to judicial review).3. Determining whether adverse events are minor – matters included.4. Determining persons who may be adversely affected – matters considered.5. Advantages and disadvantages of non-notification.6. General comments on notification/non-notification.7. Granting/refusing consent.8. Appeals. <p>B. Special Circumstances</p> <p>C. The implication of the Supreme Court Discount Brands decision</p> <p>D. Appointing of Hearing Panels and Commissioners</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Council has delegated the job of appointing Hearing Panels to the Planning Administration Manager.2. There is no formal written policy on the appointment of Hearings Panels. <p>Comments on the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All decisions relating to appointments, hearing etc must be made in accordance with the framework of the Resource Management Act 1991.• Council staff take a conservative but robust approach to their responsibilities.• Notification and non-notification – there will always be circumstances that generate “heat”.• Commissioners sitting alone. Commissioners sitting with elected members. Panels of elected members.• Panel selections? (directives in the late 1990’s) John Gibson to research.	John Gibson

The meeting concluded at 10.30am.