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**BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD**

**SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

**18 APRIL 2012**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Submissions Committee  
held on Wednesday 18 April 2012 at 2pm  
in the Community Board Room, Civic Offices, Hereford Street.**

**PRESENT:** Tim Baker (Chairperson), David East, Julie Gorman, Tim Sintes and Linda Stewart.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil.

The Committee reports that:

**PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE**

**1. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2012-22 – BOARD SUBMISSION**

The Board's Submissions Committee considered the Environment Canterbury Draft Long Term Plan 2012-22.

The Subcommittee **resolved** that the attached Board submission on Environment Canterbury's Draft Long Term Plan 2012-22, be adopted.

The meeting concluded at 3.56pm.

**SUBMISSION TO:** Environment Canterbury  
**ON:** Draft Long Term Plan 2012/22  
**BY:** Burwood/Pegasus Community Board  
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board appreciates the opportunity to make this submission to Environment Canterbury (ECan) on its Draft Long Term Plan for 2012/22 incorporating also its Draft Annual Plan for 2012/13.

The Board **does** wish to be heard in support of this submission.

## 2. SUBMISSION

The Board's feedback generally follows the chapters set out in the consultation document.

### 1. **Air Quality** (page 32)

Whilst the Board fully supports ECan's initiatives to improve air quality standards for our citizens, the aftermath of the earthquakes on local communities in the eastern parts of Christchurch has and continues to be dramatic.

Many thousands in the Burwood/Pegasus ward are endeavouring to live 'normally' in damaged homes with broken public infrastructure, reduced services and the threat of flooding and the ongoing presence of surface water. With the arrival of winter, these realities will again provide real challenges and continue to affect people's health and wellbeing.

A solution readily available in the Boards' view is for ECan to change its stance to allow wood burning appliances to be installed in new homes, including quake rebuilds and to also permit houses with existing approved burners to continue to use them. By doing this, affected residents will remain warm and dry and able to continue to live in their homes during this period.

The Board would also mention the increasing reliance on the use of electricity. A case in point. This year we enter winter with the knowledge that lake levels are already low.

The Board questions whether this can be sustained in the long run in terms of availability and continuity of supply and the impacts of variable climate patterns.

In this regard, the Board is keen to see more promotion given to energy choices offered in the market place between electricity, wind and solar options.

The Board sees no clear indication of this message in the draft Plans nor mention of any incentives and initiatives to foster research and development in these fields.

2. **Biodiversity** (page 36)

While generally supportive of ECan's work in this important area, the Board would note that public information aimed at the control and eradication of noxious weeds could be enhanced. A practical suggestion is to provide photographic displays of noxious plants at libraries, garden centres, and more information boards located at key reserve sites, along river corridors, wetlands and estuaries.

3. **Coastal Environment** (page 44)

The Board supports ECan's initiatives but does have a concern that the mention made of an acceleration in sea levels rise gives this aspect an undue and disproportionate emphasis that will have a major influence on ECan's work programmes.

4. **Emergency Management** (page 54)

Arising out of the earthquakes, the Board would ask that in any substantive review that consideration include the location and number of civil defence sector posts based at local schools.

5. **Hazards** (page 64)

The Board compliments ECan on its programme of work regarding seismic and geological hazards which will provide invaluable information and results.

6. **Land** (page 70)

While the Board supports the purpose of the Urban Development Strategy and the collaborative approach taken in its delivery, it does want to be assured that flexibility will be applied in the post earthquake phase to take account of demographic shifts and other key changes which the Board trusts are being monitored.

7. **Public Transport** (page 84)

In the aftermath of the earthquakes and the impacts for those communities in eastern Christchurch, it is the Board's contention that the whole structure of public transport provision is in need of review. Specifically, the Board is referring to decision making roles involving infrastructure and route selection responsibility (CCC) and service implementation and monitoring (ECan).

The Board wants to see ECan give priority in its Long Term Plan to contributing to providing public transport hubs and associated park and ride facilities in primary terminus locations like New Brighton. A more cost effective approach is called for through utilising smaller buses/vans on the lower volume feeder routes that can better negotiate damaged roads and weight restricted bridges such as in Dallington. These secondary routes would link to the main routes where larger buses would continue to be utilised.

With these practical changes, it is the Board's submission that ECan's intentions of shifting its revenue stream to an additional targeted rate and an increase in NZTA subsidy, would not need to be so heavily relied upon.

8. **Waste** (page 102)

With the large volumes of demolition material, contaminants and waste now going to the Burwood Resource Recovery Park, the Board submits that it is imperative that ECan provides in its Plans, all necessary resources so that the monitoring and oversight of this activity is effectively carried out from the outset and is ongoing in future years.

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The Board is well aware of the effects that this activity is having and will continue to have on the lives of the residents in the adjacent suburban areas of Burwood, Waitikiri, Tumara Park, Parklands, Queenspark and Northshore.

9. **Uniform Annual General Charge** (page 100)

The proposal to add Public Information and Ratepayer Servicing to the existing UAGC is understood by the Board.

However, of concern to the Board is the regressive nature of this tax and the impacts that this change will have for those ratepayers living in those lower socio-economic areas of the Burwood/Pegasus ward.

10. **Water Quality** (page 106)

The Board supports ECan's initiatives and the programmes proposed.



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**BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD**  
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