

**MINUTES OF 301<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY, 58 KILMORE STREET,  
CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY, 26 JULY 2007 AT 8.30 A.M.**

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## **PRESENT**

Crs T K Burke (Chairperson), R A Budd, A S Carroll, E H Cunningham, R H M Johnston, R M Kirk, R I R Little, A R McKay, A G Neill, M E Oldfield, J F Slee, and W E Woods.

## **MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT**

B R Jenkins (Chief Executive), J C Pani (Manager Secretariat), L McDonald (Administration Officer for part of the meeting in the absence of J Pani). W M Falconer (Director External Relations), M C Freeman (Director Regulation), K Lawn (Director Operations) and J D Talbot (Director Policy and Planning) were in attendance for part of the meeting and some report authors were in attendance to present their reports.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cr Waters (Leave of Absence), Cr N J Wagner (participated by teleconference until 10.00 a.m.)

### **2. MINUTES OF MEETING – 28 JUNE 2007**

#### ***Resolved***

***That the Council minutes of 28 June 2007, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record, and be adopted.***

Cr McKay/Cr Little

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of 28 June 2007.

Cr Neill arrived at 8.40 a.m.  
Cr Woods arrived at 8.42 a.m.

### **4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Clive Smith (Northwood Resident Association Inc.) made a deputation relating to item 9, the proposed extension of the 11 Styx Mill bus service through Northwood. His presentation detailed a number of compromise suggestions for Council to consider. Questions were taken and Mr Smith was thanked for his detailed presentation.

### **5. PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 1 TO REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT**

Cr Budd, a member of the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Implementation Committee introduced this item and Laurie McCallum (Energy, Transport and the Built Environment Policy Manager) talked through the process

which had commenced in June 2006. The following two updated documents were tabled, which replaced versions previously circulated:

- Memorandum of Understanding No. 1
- Proposed Change No. 1 (Development of Greater Christchurch) to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

He explained that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had been included to allow time for the Woodend Bypass and Airport Noise Corridor issues to be resolved. Cr Cunningham requested that her comments that there was no reference in the MOU to Tuahiwi and issues relating to Maori in the area, including tapu sites, be noted although the existing Regional Policy Statement document does so. It was suggested that there needs to be a process to address the issues raised in the submission from Tuahiwi. Bryan Jenkins commented that tangata whenua issues will be addressed in the Urban Development Strategy rather than the MOU.

### **Resolved**

#### ***That the Council:***

- (a) Adopts the Section 32 Report on Proposed Change No.1 to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement,***
- (b) Approves Proposed Change No.1 to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement for public notification on 28 July 2007 under the Resource Management Act 1991, and***
- (c) Adopts the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Memorandum of Understanding Number 1 as a basis for agreed processes to resolve some of the outstanding matters relating to the implementation of the Urban Development Strategy.***

Cr Budd/Cr Neill

## **6. PROPOSED NRRP CHAPTER 4 WATER QUALITY – CHRISTCHURCH GROUNDWATER SYSTEM**

Cr Budd, Chairman of the Regional Planning Committee introduced this item to allow Council to adopt the Section 32 Report and approve Variation 6, Christchurch Groundwater Protection Zones to Chapter 4 of the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan (PNRRP) in relation to the management of Christchurch's groundwater quality.

Laurie McCallum (Energy, Transport and the Built Environment Policy Manager) tabled an amended page, "Recommended Amendments to Variation 6" to amend the wording in six areas of Variation 6. The amendments were minor aspects of legal editing provided by Margot Perpick, Wynn Williams, to improve the document. Mr McCallum advised that there was close liaison with and support from Selwyn District Council, Christchurch City Council, and particularly Christchurch International Airport Limited.

There was lengthy discussion with Councillors revisiting the progress of this issue and putting forward their views on the protection of Christchurch groundwater.

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- (a) Adopts the Section 32 Report for Variation 6, Plan Provisions for Christchurch Groundwater Zones, to the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan and related Map Volume amendments, and**
- (b) Approves Variation 6, Plan Provisions for Christchurch Groundwater Protection Zones to the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan and related Map Volume amendments for notification on 28 July 2007 under the Resource Management Act 1991.**

Cr Budd/Cr Kirk

Morning tea was taken from 10.30 to 10.48am

## **7. BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY**

Richard Ball (Coasts, Biosecurity and Pests Policy Manager) introduced this report to seek adoption of the Canterbury Region Biodiversity Strategy: "A Biodiversity Strategy for the Canterbury Region", which he described as a "living" rather than a "statutory" document.

**Resolved**

**That the Council adopts the Canterbury Region Biodiversity Strategy: "A Biodiversity Strategy for the Canterbury Region".**

Cr Little/Cr Slee

## **7A. PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE REGIONAL COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN**

Richard Ball (Coasts, Biosecurity and Pests Policy Manager) introduced this item to seek Council approval of an interim solution to the whitebaiters' access issues in the Ashley River/Rakahuri Saltwater Creek Estuary. A report and seasonal map were tabled.

Debbie Jefcoate, Chairperson of the Pegasus community group and Bruce Thompson of the Waimakariri District Council (WDC) were in attendance and presented in support of the recommendations. Bruce Thompson noted that a change would be needed to the Waimakariri District Plan to provide for vehicles on this route to be a permitted activity and that he expected the August WDC meeting to give effect to future work plans. The agreed route is seen to be the best possible compromise.

**Resolved**

**That the Council**

- (a) Endorses the use of the routes shown on the map attached to the tabled report as an interim solution to whitebaiter access to the Ashley/Rakahuri River mouth and Saltwater Creek Estuary,**

- (b) Approves unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$5000 for the publicising and on-the-ground implementation of these routes, and**
- (c) Approves the interim non-enforcement of Rule 8.21 of the Regional Coastal Environment Plan in relation to the use of these routes unless there is a significant adverse environmental effect.**

Cr Johnston/Cr Little

## **8. STRATEGY FOR RABBIT MANAGEMENT IN CANTERBURY**

Ken Lawn (Director Operations) presented this item to gain approval for strategies to manage the growing rabbit issue in Canterbury. The proposed strategies had been discussed at length by the Pest Management Liaison Committee Chairs. There was some discussion on the handling of a global consent for 1080 use and monitoring and liability aspects.

### **Resolved**

- (a) That the preferred method for coordinating rabbit control operations is user pays with land owners contracting Environment Canterbury operations section to design and manage a rabbit programme across all properties. This does not preclude the option of having a targeted rate through a community-initiated programme where there is a suitable community of interest.**
- (b) That the Council applies for a global consent for 1080 operations for rabbit, wallaby and opossum control across Canterbury.**
- (c) That the Council proceeds to canvas known areas of rabbit problems for undertakings from land owners for orders for carrots, and to coordinate contracts with growers for supply.**
- (d) That the \$100,000 budgeted to Target Pest for the maintenance of pest control infrastructure and capability in Canterbury be used to fund the consent process for 1080, with the remainder being used for the establishment of a reserve to provide for coordination of bait availability and the initiation of a coordinator role.**

Cr McKay/Cr Oldfield

## **9. EXTENSION TO THE 11 STYX MILL BUS SERVICE TO THE NORTHWOOD SUPA CENTA**

Shannon Ussher (Passenger Services Strategic Planner) presented this report for approval of the extension to the 11 Styx Mill bus service and tabled a map showing the extension of the route. Emails sent overnight to Councillors from Craig Fiskin and Ocean Law New Zealand were tabled.

In making their decision Councillors were mindful of the information provided by the delegation earlier in the meeting.

**Resolved**

***That the 11 Styx Mill bus service be extended through Willowbank, Styx Mill and Northwood to the Northwood Supa Centa.***

Cr Budd/Cr Carroll

**10. ACCESSING CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR CLEAN HEAT INITIATIVES**

Ken Lawn (Director Operations) presented this report seeking approval to use funds received from Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority to seed new Clean Heat initiatives beyond Christchurch and to access expected Central Government funding.

**Resolved**

***That the Council***

- (a) Agrees that of the \$600,000 it receives from Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, up to \$150,000 be made available to projects in other towns in Canterbury that breach the National Environmental Standards, subject to receiving Central Government funding to match that expenditure, and***
- (b) That in the case of the MainPower and Energy Mad initiative, up to \$10,000 be made available ahead of Central Government funding.***

Cr Budd/Cr Oldfield

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**11.1 REPORT OF THE MAORI ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Cr Cunningham, Chair of the Maori Advisory Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 6 July 2007.

**Resolved**

- (a) That the report of the Maori Advisory Committee be received, and***
- (b) That Mark Solomon be appointed to the Maori Advisory Committee replacing Raewyn Solomon.***

Cr Cunningham/Cr Burke

**11.2 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Cr Kirk, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee spoke to the tabled report of the Committee meeting held on 19 July 2007.

**Resolved**

- (a) That the report of the Finance and Audit Committee be received.***

Cr Kirk/Cr Johnston

### 11.3 REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cr Budd, Chairman of the Regional Planning Committee spoke to the tabled report of the Committee meeting held on 20 July 2007.

Lunch was taken from 12.45 until 1.15pm.

It was agreed that the two items for Council decision would be taken separately.

There was some discussion regarding the proposal to increase the minimum flow regime for the Hurunui River from 12 cumecs to 15 cumecs for the month of April and the potential effects on current consent holders.

It was confirmed that the variations for the Waihao and Hurunui Rivers would have no effect on the existing consents until the variation was operative and, following that, when those consents either expired or were due for renewal.

A compromise of 13.5 cumecs minimum flow regime was suggested for the Hurunui River for April and an amendment to the motion was moved by Cr Little and seconded by Cr Johnston to amend clause 12 of the Hurunui recommendation to reflect that.

That amendment was put and LOST. A division was called for, the voting being as follows:

<b>For (4)</b>	<b>Against (8)</b>	<b>Absent (2)</b>
Cr Johnston	Cr Budd	Cr Wagner
Cr Little	Cr Burke	Cr Waters
Cr McKay	Cr Carroll	
Cr Woods	Cr Cunningham	
	Cr Kirk	
	Cr Neill	
	Cr Oldfield	
	Cr Slee	

The motion was declared lost.

#### ***Resolved***

- (a) ***That the report of the Regional Planning Committee held on 20 and 25 July 2007 be received.***
- (b) **WAIHAO AREA RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS**

***That the Council adopt and publicly notify, in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act, as Variation 9 (to amend Schedule WQN1 of Chapter 5 of the Proposed NRRP) to incorporate into the PNRRP the flow and allocation regimes recommended in the staff report for twelve sites within the Waihao catchment and tributaries of the Wainono Lagoon. These sites are; Waihaorunga Stream (immediately upstream of Waihaorunga Water Supply); Waihao River (Waihaorunga); South Branch Waihao River (Coal Pit Road Bridge); Waihao River (McCullough's Bridge); Waihao River (Bradshaws Bridge); Buchanan's Creek (Fletcher's Bridge); Sir Charles Creek (Rooney's Bridge); Hook***

**River (immediately above intake); Hook River (South Branch); Waimate Creek(John Kirk's intake); Wainono Dead Arm (Poindestres Road); Merry's Stream (SH1). This also includes adoption of the staff report and references as the RMA Section 32 Report.**

- 1. That a minimum flow of 16 L/s be maintained at Waihaorunga Stream at or about NZMS 260 J40:315-053. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

**That an allocation regime for Waihaorunga Stream incorporates:**

- (i) An A allocation block of 36 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with an minimum flow of 16 L/s; and**
  - (ii) No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
  - (iii) No further groundwater takes with stream depletion effects (SDE's) > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
  - (iv) A B allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April of 50 L/s, with abstraction to cease at a cut off flow of 150 L/s; and**
  - (v) An A allocation block of 50 L/s for the period 1 May to 30 September with an minimum flow of 16 L/s.**
- 2. That a minimum flow of 200 L/s be set for 1 May to 30 September and 90 L/s be maintained for 1 October to 31 April at Waihao River (Waihaorunga) at or about NZMS 260-J40:380-062. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

**That an allocation regime for the Waihao River at Waihaorunga incorporates:**

- (i) An A allocation block of 17 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a minimum flow of 90 L/s; and**
  - (ii) A B allocation block of 85 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with abstractions ceasing at a flow of 200 L/s; and**
  - (iii) A C allocation block of 50 L/s for the period 1 October – 30 April, with abstractions ceasing at a flow of 385 L/s.**
  - (iv) No further permits are to be granted to take surface water from the A, B and C allocation blocks for the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
  - (v) No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April and the B allocation block for the period 1 May to 30 September; and**
  - (vi) An A allocation block of 100 L/s For the period 1 May-30 September with abstractions to cease at a flow of 200L/s; and**
- 3. That a minimum flow of 100 L/s be maintained at the South Branch of Waihao River at Coal Pit Bridge, at or about NZMS 260-J40:4486-0224. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

**That an allocation regime for the Waihao River at Coal Pit Bridge incorporates:**

- (i) **An A allocation block of 51 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a minimum flow of 100 L/s; and**
- (ii) **No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iii) **No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iv) **A B allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April of 50 L/s, with abstractions ceasing at a cut off flow of 251 L/s; and**
- (iv) **An A allocation block of 100 L/s for the period 1 May to 30 September with a minimum flow of 200 L/s.**

**4. That a minimum flow at McCullough's Bridge incorporates:**

- (a) **at a flow of 600L/s at McCullough's Bridge at or about NZMS 260-J40:497-989 all takes reduce their rate of take by 50%;**
- (b) **at a flow of 300L/s for the period of 1 October to 30 April at McCullough's Bridge at or about NZMS 260-J40:497-989 all takes cease abstraction with the exception of Waimate District Council take CRC940845;**
- (c) **at a flow of 380 L/s for the period 1 May to 30 September at McCullough's Bridge at or about NZMS 260-J40:497-989 all takes cease abstraction with the exception of Waimate District Council take CRC940845.**

**This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

**That an allocation regime for the Waihao River at McCullough's Bridge incorporates:**

- (i) **An A allocation block of 425 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a minimum flow of 300 L/s; and**
- (ii) **No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iii) **No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iv) **An A allocation block of 200 L/s for the period 1 May to 30 September with a minimum flow of 380 L/s; and**
- (v) **A B allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April of 200L/s, with a cut off flow of 1325L/s.**

**5. That a minimum flow of 600 L/s be set for May to September, and that a minimum flow of 200 L/s be set for October to April, for the Waihao River at Bradshaws Bridge at or about NZMS 260 J40:6420-0150. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

**That an allocation regime for the Waihao River at Bradshaws Bridge incorporates:**

- (i) **An A allocation block of 93 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a minimum flow of 200 L/s; and**
- (ii) **No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and no expansion of the number of hours, days /weeks that the existing irrigation takes are consented for; and**

- (iii) No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and*
- (iv) A B allocation block for 1 October to 30 April inclusive of 100 L/s with abstractions ceasing at a flow of 600 L/s; and*
- (v) An A allocation block of 200 L/s for the period 1 May to 30 September with a minimum flow of 600 L/s; and*
- (vi) A winter B block is not needed as a reasonable size A block has been provided and there are no allocations from it at this stage.*

- 6. That a minimum flow of 112 L/s be maintained at Buchanan's Creek (Fletcher's Bridge) at or about NZMS 260-J40:630-019. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

***That an allocation regime for Buchanan's Creek at Fletcher's Bridge incorporates:***

- (i) An A allocation block of 140 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a minimum flow of 112 L/s; and*
- (ii) No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and*
- (iii) A B allocation block of 100 L/s for 1 October to 30 April, with abstractions ceasing at a flow of 450 L/s; and*
- (iv) No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and*
- (iv) An A allocation block of 140 L/s for the period 1 May to 30 September with a minimum flow of 112 L/s.*

- 7. That a minimum flow of 100 L/s be maintained at Sir Charles Creek at Rooney's Bridge at or about NZMS J40:6403-0544. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

***That an allocation regime for Sir Charles Creek at Rooney's Bridge incorporates:***

- (i) An A allocation block of 180 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a minimum flow of 100 L/s; and*
- (ii) No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and*
- (iii) No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and*
- (iv) A B allocation block of 100 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with abstractions to cease at 380 L/s; and*
- (v) An A allocation block for 1 May to 30 September, with abstractions ceasing at a flow of 100 L/s.*

- 8. That a minimum flow of 50 L/s be set for the Hook River upstream of the intake at or about NZMS 260-J40:492-160. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

***That an allocation regime for the Hook River incorporates:***

- (i) **An A allocation block of 142 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a minimum flow of 50 L/s; and**
- (ii) **No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iii) **No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iv) **A B allocation block of 100 L/s, for the period 1 October- 30 April, with abstractions ceasing at a flow of 592 L/s; and**
- (v) **An A allocation block of 200 L/s for the period 1 May to 30 September with a minimum flow of 100 L/s.**

**9. That a minimum flow of 20 L/s be set for the South Branch of the Hook River at or about NZMS 260-J40:4987-1433. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

**That an allocation regime for the Hook River South Branch incorporates:**

- (i) **An A allocation block of 53 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a minimum flow of 20 L/s; and**
- (ii) **No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iii) **No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iv) **A B allocation block of 50 L/s, for the period 1 October to 30 April, with abstractions ceasing at a flow of 273 L/s; and**
- (v) **An A allocation block of 200 L/s for the period 1 May to 30 September with a minimum flow of 100 L/s.**

**10. That a minimum flow of 15L/s be maintained at Waimate Creek (John Kirk's intake) at or about NZMS 260-J40:526-077. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

**That an allocation regime for Waimate Creek at John Kirk's intake incorporates:**

- (i) **An A allocation block of 65 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a minimum flow of 15 L/s; and**
- (ii) **No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iii) **No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and**
- (iv) **A B allocation block of 100 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April, with abstractions to cease at a flow of 400 L/s; and**
- (v) **An A allocation block for 1 May to 30 September of 100 L/s with abstractions ceasing at a flow of 100 L/s.**

**11. That the height does not exceed 1.30m be maintained at Wainono Dead Arm (Poindestres Road) NZMS 260-J40:639-072. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.**

**No allocation regime is required for Wainono Dead Arm at Poindestres Road.**

12. ***That the minimum height of 250mm be maintained at Merrys Stream at or about NZMS 260 J40:6208-1288. This recommendation adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the Proposed NRRP.***

***That an allocation regime for Merrys Stream incorporates:***

- (i) An A allocation block of 16 L/s for the period 1 October to 30 April with a cut off height of 250mm; and***
- (ii) No further permits be granted to take surface water from the A allocation block applying to the period 1 October to 30 April; and***
- (iii) No further groundwater takes with SDE's > 1 L/s be granted from the A allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April; and***
- (iv) A B allocation block for the period 1 October to 30 April of 50 L/s with abstractions ceasing at a cut off height of 300mm; and***
- (iv) An A allocation block of 100 L/s for the period 1 May to 30 September with a cut off height of 250mm.***

***(c) HURUNUI AREA RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS***

***That the Council adopt and publicly notify, in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act, as Variation 8 (to amend Schedule WQN1 of Chapter 5 of the Proposed NRRP) to incorporate into the PNRPP the flow and allocation regimes recommended in the staff report for the mainstem Hurunui River and seven of its Tributaries (St Leonards Drain; Innes Creek; School Creek; Pahau River; Dry Stream; Mandamus river; and Waikari River), and including adoption of the staff report and references as the RMA Section 32 Report.***

1. ***It is not desirable to continue with two environmental flow regimes on the Amuri Plains reach of the Hurunui River, and one regime that adequately sustains Objective WQN1 values should be established.***

**Mainstem Hurunui River**

2. ***The Hurunui Mandamus flow recorder site at or about NZMS260 M33:725-240 should be adopted as the site where the minimum flow is assessed for the Hurunui River Amuri Plains water resource.***

**Flood Recording**

3. ***The SH1 Hurunui River flow recorder site at or about NZMS260 N33:177-124 should be adopted as the site where the minimum flow is assessed for the Hurunui River Domett Plains water resource.***
4. ***The costs of running the proposed Hurunui SH1 flow recorder site should be rated at an estimated cost of \$11000 to be recovered from abstractors from the Waiau Irrigation Scheme (25%), Hurunui River Domett Plains abstractors (25%), and Environment Canterbury (50%).***

### Water Quality

5. ***The Pahau Enhancement Group and the Amuri Irrigation Company (AIC) have been active in improving water quality and as the water quality trend has improved since 2000, Environment Canterbury should continue to actively support this work.***
6. ***If water quality does not improve then the best practicable option for Council is to consider reviewing the take and discharge consents as well as compliance checks on tile drain systems in the Balmoral scheme and Waiau irrigation scheme area. Council should re-assess its position in the winter of 2010.***
7. ***A research programme is required to undertake a phosphorus balance of the Pahau catchment. This could involve local farmers, AIC, Dexcel, fertilizer companies, research institutions, and other stakeholders. This work should identify the inputs and outputs of phosphorus, and indicate areas for management attention to effectively reduce phosphorus loadings from the catchment.***
8. ***Additional measures to address water quality issues in the Pahau may be considered by Council in a future NRRP variation if required.***

### Hydrology/Flow Sharing

9. ***The Hurunui River is fundamentally unreliable for abstractive users in the late summer and autumn, and this is more a function of hydrology than block size or regime.***
10. ***Flow sharing is difficult to implement, it is not needed to maintain the values of the Hurunui River or its tributaries, and is not a substitute for an adequate flow.***
11. ***That flow sharing not be adopted for the Hurunui River or its tributaries and it is not needed to maintain the values of the Hurunui River or its tributaries, and is not a substitute for an adequate minimum flow.***
12. ***The minimum flow regime should not allow abstractions, other than taking water for essential domestic uses, essential stock drinking needs and fire-fighting provided for under Policy WQN 19 of the proposed NRRP, to reduce the flow in the Amuri Plains and Domett Plains reaches to less than:***
  - ***September 15 cumecs***
  - ***October 15 cumecs***
  - ***November 15 cumecs***
  - ***December 15 cumecs***
  - ***January 15 cumecs***
  - ***February – March 12 cumecs***
  - ***April 15 cumecs***
  - ***May – July 12 cumecs***
  - ***August 13 cumecs***

13. **That for the Amuri Plains reach during the summer irrigation season 1 October to 30 April:**
  - a. **The sum of the existing consented takes of 6.7 cumecs become the “A” allocation block limit for Hurunui River Amuri Plains Reach; and**
  - b. **Any consents surrendered and water freed up by applying the reasonable use test not be reallocated to existing consent holders or new applicants until NRRP Policy WQN14 (4) reliabilities are met.**
14. **That Council work with and encourage AIC to improve water efficiency through ongoing implementation of best management practises.**
15. **That to address technical efficiency issues in water allocation in the Amuri Plains Reach, the “reasonable use” test of NRRP Policy17 (2) will be applied to consents when the variation is made operative.**

**Amuri and Domett Plains A and B blocks**

16. **That for the Domett Plains Reach during the summer irrigation season 1 October to 30 April:**
  - a. **Council set a two cumec “A” allocation block limit for Hurunui River: Domett Plains.**
  - b. **That a 20 L/s allocation be included in the two cumec “A” allocation block for community water supply in the Domett Plains Reach pursuant to section 30 1 (fa) RMA.**
17. **During the winter (1 May to 30 September):**
  - a. **Set a 15 cumec “A” allocation block limit for Hurunui River Amuri Plains water resource; and**
  - b. **Set a 1.5 cumec “A” allocation block limit for Hurunui River: Domett Plains water resource.**
18. **That a 1.5 cumec “B” block be established for the Domett Plains to enable irrigation of the remaining irrigable area as follows:**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Allocation Limit	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Minimum Flow	26.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	24.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7

19. **There is an advantage in setting the “B” permit minimum flow at a higher level (5 cumecs) than the “A” permit minimum flow plus the “A” allocation for the Amuri plains reaches of the Hurunui River to protect Objective WQN1 values, in January to April.**
20. **That the “B” block from the Amuri Plain reach allocation limits and minimum flows be established as follows:**

<i>Mandamus Recorder Flow</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
<i>Allocation Limit&lt;40</i>	10	7.5	7.5	10	10	10	10	10	10	15	15	15
<i>Allocation limit &gt;40</i>	15	15	15	15	10	10	10	10	10	15	15	15
<i>Minimum Flow</i>	26.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	24.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7

21. ***That a volumetric cap of 90 million cubic metres be imposed on the winter “B” allocation block for the Amuri Plains.***
22. ***That a delay take rule for the Amuri Plains B allocation block require abstractors to cease taking for 12 hours when Hurunui Mandamus flow recorder flows reach 40 cumecs to reduce risks of periphyton build up from January to April.***

#### **Flow Meters/Season**

23. ***That the installation of flow meters and data loggers be required for all surface water and hydraulically-connected groundwater takes on consent review following the variation being made operative.***
24. ***That the conditions on any consent granted should record the actual rate of take, hours of take, and start and end dates, as aligned with an irrigation season from October to April and a winter season from May to Sept to reflect NRRP Policy WQN14.***
25. ***That the real time transfer of water measuring data from abstractors to Environment Canterbury be strongly encouraged, with an initial priority being given for takes exceeding 100 L/s.***

#### **HURUNUI TRIBUTARIES** **St Leonards Drain**

26. ***The site at which the minimum flow is assessed for the upper reach of St Leonards Drain catchment should be at the Lowry Peaks Road (NZMS 260 N33:046-243) and the minimum flow at this site should be set at 70 L/s summer and winter. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the proposed NRRP.***
27. ***The site at which the minimum flow is assessed for the lower reach of St Leonards Drain catchment should be just above the St Leonards Drain confluence with the Pahau River (at or about NZMS 260 N33:021-195) and the minimum flow at this site should be set at 140L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the proposed NRRP.***
28. ***That the sum of the existing consent takes from October to April become the summer “A” allocation block for the Upper and Lower St Leonards Drain, and that the block be capped at that level.***

29. *That any consent surrendered not be replaced, nor any freed up water from the reasonable use test be allocated to new applicants for the Upper and Lower St Leonards Drain until WQN Policy 14(4) reliabilities are met.*
30. *Two water user groups should be formed on St Leonards Drain, one to manage the abstractions above Lowry Peaks Road monitoring site and the other to manage the abstractions between the Pahau confluence site and the Lowry Peaks Road monitoring site.*
31. *That a "B" allocation block be set for the St. Leonards Drain as follows:*
  - a. *Top St Leonards Drain: Minimum flow 735 L/s, allocation limit 300 L/s May to September*
  - b. *St Leonards Drain: minimum flow 855 L/s, allocation limit 400, May to September*

#### **Innes Drain**

32. *The site at which the minimum flow is assessed for Innes Drain should be just above Pahau confluence (at or about NZMS 260 N33:992-238) and the minimum flow at this site should be set at 75 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the proposed NRRP.*
33. *That the sum of the existing consent takes from October to April become the summer Innes Drain "A" allocation block, and that the block be capped at that level.*
34. *That any consent surrendered not be replaced, nor any freed up water allocated to new applicants until WQN Policy 14(4) reliabilities are met.*
35. *That an Innes Drain "B" allocation block be established as follows:*
  - i) *Minimum flow 227 L/s, with an allocation limit of 75L/s, May to September.*

#### **School Creek**

36. *The site at which the minimum flow is assessed for the upper part of School Creek should be at Amuri Area School (at or about NZMS 260 N33:977-263) and the minimum flow at this site should be set at 20 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the proposed NRRP.*
37. *The site at which the minimum flow is assessed for the lower part of School Creek should be just above the Pahau confluence (at or about NZMS 260 N33:998-231) and the minimum flow at this site should be set at 75 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the proposed NRRP.*
38. *That the sum of the existing consent takes October to April become the summer "A" allocation block for the Upper and Lower School Creek, and that the block be capped at that level.*

39. *That any consent surrendered not be replaced, nor any freed up water from the reasonable use test be allocated to new applicants from Upper and Lower School Creek until WQN Policy 14(4) reliabilities are met.*
40. *That a School Creek “B” allocation block be established as follows:*
  - i) *Amuri Area School and Mackenzie property: Minimum flow 147 L/s, with an allocation limit of 35 from May to September*

**Pahau River and Tributaries**

41. *The site at which the minimum flow on the upper Pahau River is assessed should be at the Grampians (at or about NZMS 260 M33:839-288) and the minimum flow at this site should be 400 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the NRRP.*
42. *The site at which the minimum flow on Cold Stream is assessed should be just upstream of its confluence with the Pahau River (at or about NZMS 260 N33:986-231) and the minimum flow at this site should be 75 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the NRRP.*
43. *The site at which the minimum flow on Pahau Creek is assessed should be just upstream of its confluence with the Pahau River (at or about NZMS 260 N33:011-204) and the minimum flow at this site should be 75 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the NRRP.*
44. *The site at which the minimum flow on the Hurunui Drain is assessed should be just upstream of its confluence with the Pahau River (at or about NZMS 260 N33:015-196) and the minimum flow at this site should be 50 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the NRRP.*
45. *The site at which the minimum flow on the lower Pahau River is assessed should be just upstream of St Leonards Drain confluence (at or about NZMS 260 N33:020-194) and the minimum flow at this site should be 750 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the NRRP.*
46. *That the sum of the existing consent takes from October to April become the summer “A” allocation block for each water resource units identified in 1-5 above, and that the blocks be capped at that level.*
47. *That any consent surrendered not be replaced, nor any freed-up water from the reasonable use test be allocated to new applicants from the Upper and Lower Pahau River, Pahau Creek, Cold Stream, and Hurunui Drain until WQN Policy 14(4) reliabilities are met.*
48. *That Pahau tributary “B” allocation Blocks be established as follows:*
  - i) *Top Pahau Road: minimum flow 1000 L/s and allocation limit of 50 L/s from October to September.*

- ii) ***Pahau River: minimum flow of 2000 L/s at the Hurunui confluence, with an allocation limit of 100 L/s from October to September***
- iii) ***Cold Stream: minimum flow of 98L/s at the Hurunui confluence, with an allocation limit of 10 L/s from May to September***
- iv) ***Pahau Creek: minimum flow of 220L/s at the Hurunui confluence, with an allocation limit of 75L/s from September to May.***
- v) ***Hurunui Drain minimum flow of 75L/s at the Hurunui confluence, with allocation limit of 10 L/s from September to May.***

**Dry Stream**

49. ***There is no need to set a minimum flow on Dry Stream.***

**Mandamus River**

50. ***The site at which the minimum flow is assessed for the Mandamus River should be just above the confluence with the Hurunui River (at or about NZMS 260 M33:738-243) and the minimum flow at this site should be set at 600 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the proposed NRRP.***

51. ***That the Mandamus “A” summer and winter allocation block be 300L/s.***

52. ***That a Mandamus “B” allocation block be established, capped at a maximum volume of 50 million cubic metres October to September, with a minimum flow of 1000 L/s.***

**Waikari River**

53. ***The site at which the minimum flow is assessed for the Waikari River should be at Pannetts Road (at or about NZMS 260 N33:399-077) and the minimum flow set at this site should be 40 L/s. This flow adequately provides for the values set out in Objective WQN1 of the proposed NRRP.***

54. ***That the sum of the existing Waikari River consents from October to April takes become the summer “A” allocation block, and that they be capped at that amount.***

55. ***That any consent surrendered not be replaced, nor any freed-up water allocated to new applicants until WQN Policy 14(4) reliabilities are met.***

56. ***That a Waikari “B” allocation block be established as follows:***  
 i) ***Minimum flow of 100 L/s at Pannet’s Road, with an allocation limit of 100 L/s (May to September).***

Cr Budd/Cr Slee

Cr Woods requested that it be recorded that he only supported the Hurunui and Waihao recommendations because he had been assured that this variation would not affect the existing consents.

Cr Little requested that his vote against this resolution be recorded.

## 12. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### 12.1 A NEW SOUTHERN COMMITTEE

Cr Burke outlined the progress made by the Southern Committee Working Party and detailed the proposal that had been presented to the Mayors of the southern districts. It had not been possible to hold a meeting with the Mayors, and in order to progress this proposal further the following was moved Cr Oldfield, seconded Cr Johnston:

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the Chairman's report and that of the Southern Committee Working Party on the Proposal to Enhance the Effectiveness of Environment Canterbury's Functions in the Southern Area; and
- (b) Endorses the Southern Committee Working Party's report as the basis of a consultation document for on-going discussion with the Mayors of the southern districts and the southern community.

Cr Neill moved an amendment to (b), seconded by Cr Slee:

That the Southern Committee Working Party continues to liaise with the Mayors of the southern districts to develop possible delegations and to report back to Council.

A division was called for and the amendment was LOST, the voting being as follows:

<b>For (3)</b>	<b>Against (8)</b>	<b>Abstention (1)</b>	<b>Absent (2)</b>
Cr McKay	Cr Budd	Cr Cunningham	Cr Wagner
Cr Neill	Cr Burke		Cr Waters
Cr Slee	Cr Carroll		
	Cr Johnston		
	Cr Kirk		
	Cr Little		
	Cr Oldfield		
	Cr Woods		

The substantive motion was then put and carried:

### ***Resolved***

***That the Council:***

- (a) ***Receives the Chairman's report and that of the Southern Committee Working Party on the Proposal to Enhance the Effectiveness of Environment Canterbury's Functions in the Southern Area; and***
- (b) ***Endorses the Southern Committee Working Party's report as the basis of a consultation document for on-going discussion with the Mayors of the southern districts and the southern community.***

Cr Oldfield/Cr Johnston

Cr Neill requested that his vote against this motion be recorded.

## **12.2 CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Chairman's report on the Local Government review of Code of Conduct was noted.

## **12.3 OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUESTS**

Information on Official Information requests made during the last three years was tabled for information.

## **13. FINANCIAL REPORTS ON COUNCIL PORTFOLIO ACTIVITIES**

Mark Smith (Management Accountant) presented the financial report for the year ending 30 June 2007.

### ***Resolved***

***That the information on the financial reports for the period ending 30 June 2007 be received.***

Cr Budd/Cr Kirk

## **14. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

The documents sealed were presented.

### ***Resolved***

***That the Chief Executive's items be received.***

Cr Burke/Cr Budd

## **15. COUNCILLOR REPORTS EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS/ CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

Cr Little advised of his intention of writing a letter to the Minister for the Environment on the National Environmental Standards for air quality regarding PM10, which he would circulate to Councillors.

Cr McKay reported on Lake Pukaki levels.

Cr Slee tabled a statement relating to her decision not to seek re-election to Council.

### ***Resolved***

***That the reports be received.***

Cr Burke/Cr Budd

## **16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**17. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**18. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no extraordinary and urgent business.

The meeting moved into public excluded session from 2.44pm.

**19. MEETING WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

***Resolved***

***That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:***

- 19.1 Minutes of the 28 June 2007 Meeting and Matters Arising***
- 19.2 Report of the Chief Executive Performance Review Committee (Verbal report to be presented.)***

***The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:***

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></b>	<b><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<b><i>19.1 Minutes of the 28 June 2007 Meeting and Matters Arising</i></b>	<b><i>That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest.</i></b>	<b><i>Section 48(1)(a)</i></b>
<b><i>19.2 Report of the Chief Executive Performance Review Committee</i></b>		

***This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:***

- 19.1 Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – section 7(2)(i).***
- 19.2 Protect the privacy of natural persons – section 7(2)(a)***

Cr Burke/Cr Johnston

The meeting resumed in Open Meeting at 2.51pm

**20. NEXT MEETING – 30 AUGUST 2007 IN TIMARU**

**21. CLOSURE**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 2.50pm.

CONFIRMED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_