

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14 of the First
Schedule to the Act

BETWEEN CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
(ENV-2007-CHC-000266)

Appellant

AND CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

Environment Judge CJ Thompson sitting alone pursuant to section 279 of the Act.

IN CHAMBERS

CONSENT ORDER

Introduction

[1] The Court has read and considered the appeal and the memoranda of the parties received 11 November 2008 and 1 May 2009.

[2] No person gave notice of an intention to become a party under s274.

[3] The Court is making this order under section 279(1)(b) of the Act, such an order being by consent, rather than representing a decision or determination on the merits pursuant to section 297. The Court understands for the present purposes that:

- (a) All parties to the proceedings have executed the memorandum requesting this order; and
- (b) All parties are satisfied that all matters proposed for the Court's endorsement fall within the Court's jurisdiction, and conform to relevant requirements and objectives of the Act, including in particular Part 2.

Order

[4] The Court orders, by consent, that the proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan is amended by amending the definition of "natural gas" as follows:

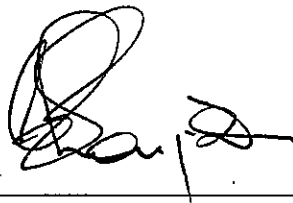


“Natural gas Natural gas means a mixture of naturally occurring ~~hydrocarbons~~ gases that are gaseous under normal conditions of temperature and pressure, comprising predominantly hydrocarbons (including methane, ethane and propane) and also carbon dioxide and small amounts of ~~ethane, propane and other~~ gases. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes biogas produced at the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant and Burwood Landfill.”

[5] Paragraph 7(f) of the appeal, insofar as it relates to biogas, is otherwise dismissed.

[6] There is no order as to costs.

DATED at Wellington this 10th day of June 2009



C J Thompson
Environment Judge

