

MINUTES OF THE 265<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 58 KILMORE STREET, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY,  
11 AUGUST 2005 AT 9.50 A.M.

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**PRESENT**

Councillors T K Burke (Chairman), 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, N J Wagner, J M Waters and W E Woods.

**MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT**

Dr B R Jenkins (Chief Executive) and J C Pani (Manager Secretariat).

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Peter Berry, Consultant.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Prior to the commencement of the agenda items the Chairman, Cr Burke advised the meeting of his leave of absence from 1.00 p.m. on 11 August to 14 August 2005 inclusive. In addition, the following Councillors advised of their absences:

Cr Cunningham from 11 to 18 September and 31 October to 13 November 2005 inclusive.

Cr Johnston from 17 to 24 September 2005 inclusive.

Cr Oldfield from 22 September to 3 October 2005 inclusive.

Cr Kirk from 22 September to 3 October 2005 inclusive.

Cr Carroll from 12 to 15 October 2005 inclusive.

Cr Woods from 24 to 29 September 2005 inclusive.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**2. REPORTS OF THE REPRESENTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Attached to the Council agenda was a report of the meeting of the Representation Review Committee held on 3 August 2005. Cr Johnston advised that the Committee had met again on 10/11 August and provided a verbal report to Council on that meeting. He commented that the Committee had discussed the issue of Maori Constituencies following additional consultation with Maori. The recommendations to Council from the 10/11 August meeting were tabled.

Moved Cr Johnston, seconded Cr Budd.

*That the report of the Representation Review Committee meeting held on 3 August 2005 be received and that the verbal report of the Representation Review Committee meeting held 10/11 August 2005 be received.*

CARRIED

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF MĀORI REPRESENTATION**

The Chairman welcomed Peter Berry, consultant, to the meeting.

Cr Johnston briefed the meeting on the consultation that has taken place with Māori relating to the issue of Māori representation. He advised that the Chairman and himself had met with the Kaiwhakahaere of Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu and also with representatives of Nga Maata Waka and mana whenua. He further advised that a hui was held to provide input from the wider Māori community. Cr Johnston advised that the message received was that Māori wanted further engagement with Council at the governance level.

Cr Cunningham commented on the 10 August hui arranged at very short notice. She said that it was important to gather views from the wider Canterbury Māori community and acknowledged that the Chairman and Cr Johnston had consulted with Ngāi Tahu and Nga Maata Waka. She stressed the importance of creating a vehicle to ensure that Māori had the opportunity to participate and to assist in the decision-making of Environment Canterbury.

Council was keen to facilitate a process in a timely way to enable enhanced Māori participation and develop the relationship with Environment Canterbury.

Dr Bryan Jenkins commented on the three hui that had been held previously and the well established relationships that have been developed with the runanga. He commented on the valuable feedback received from the 10 August 2005 hui and advised Council that it was timely now to take the next steps to advance the work already in place.

Cr Burke thanked Cr Cunningham for her input to the consultation process and commented on the valuable contribution he envisaged her making in the future.

Moved Cr Johnston, seconded Cr Woods.

*That the Council:*

- (a) Does not establish a separate Māori constituency; and*
- (b) Seeks further discussion with Māori to enhance the relationship and participation for Māori with Environment Canterbury.*

CARRIED

Cr Johnston advised that the Representation Review Committee meeting to be held on 16 August 2005 will receive a presentation on options and that a report from that Committee meeting will be presented to the 24 August Council meeting which is being held in Timaru.

**4. NEXT MEETING – 24 AUGUST 2005 TO BE HELD IN TIMARU**

**5. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 10.15 a.m.

CONFIRMED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN