

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT 9.21AM ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2015 AT  
THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Morgan (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, G Harmon, D Millton.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** G Essenberg (Acting Chief Executive Officer), M Hoggard (District Planner), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J Howden, C Mackle.  
***Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

**1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**Resource Planning**

A discussion was held regarding the subdivision and amalgamation of the rear of the property at 25 Beach Road. A report regarding what was being proposed was requested.

**District & Environmental Planning**

**National Documents**

The Government had released a consultation document on the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry. Submissions on the document were due by 11 August.

**Canterbury Regional Council**

Submissions were open on Variation 3 of the Land and Water Regional Plan until 17 July 2015. The variation sought to make changes to Section 15 which related to Waitaki and South Coastal Canterbury.

Councillor Millton advised that it appeared that work in the District Planning area was not happening very fast with report being quite repetitive. The District Planner advised there were limited resources to work on projects. Council could however look at approaching consultants. If Council wished for faster action on particular projects then it would need to set a budget for those projects.

**Earthcheck**

Gathering data for the Annual Earthcheck Benchmarking programme had begun.

***Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the Environmental Services Reports be received.***

## **2. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON NEW ZEALAND'S CLIMATE CHANGE TARGETS**

The Government was seeking views on New Zealand's post 2020 climate change contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The District Planner felt Council needed to make a submission to support its sustainability position and the Minister needed to be aware that not committing to a target could have detrimental effects for New Zealand as a whole but in particular small communities such as Kaikoura. The final submission lodged was included in the agenda.

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Morgan that Council;***

- 1. Receive the information in the Public Consultation on New Zealand's Climate Change Targets report and submission.***
- 2. Accepts the "Setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target" submission lodged with the Minister for the Environment.***

### **Discussion:**

Councillor Millton felt you had to believe in climate change before you could be part of the process. He believed climate was cyclic. He also suggested there was a potential trade situation to make things more difficult for some countries.

Councillor Morgan highlighted that once Council had a position then all of Council was to support the position however she noted elected members were entitled to their own personal opinion.

Councillor Millton felt Council should get on with the things that it could control. The District Planner noted insurances companies were taking on board the potential effects of climate change and were adjusting premiums accordingly and organisations were making changes as a result of perceived climate change.

***The motion was put and carried.***

***Against: Councillor Diver and Councillor Millton.***

***Abstained: Councillor Harmon.***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45am.***