

# ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP AGENDA

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IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CIVIC OFFICES

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1. **APOLOGIES:**

2. **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RECOVERY PROGRAMME**

**Purpose** of the workshop:

To brief Councillors on the Natural Environment Recovery Programme and to seek comment on the programme.

**Background:** The Canterbury earthquake sequence caused considerable change to the natural environment within greater Christchurch, and consequential effects from disrupted infrastructure. Repair and recovery of infrastructure and rebuilding provides opportunities to enhance the natural environment.

The Recovery Strategy for Greater Christchurch requires the development of a Natural Environment Recovery Programme (NERP). Environment Canterbury is leading the development of the NERP with strategic partners CERA, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga, Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council and Selwyn District Council, and key partners Canterbury District Health Board and Department of Conservation. A technical advisory group (TAG) with representatives from these partners was established.

The TAG began work on the programme in July 2012. An issues and options paper was prepared which summarised pre-earthquake condition, earthquake effects, issues, existing work, risks and opportunities for the key themes identified within the Recovery Strategy. This document was discussed at an initial community stakeholder workshop held in October 2012 and attended by over 80 participants from a range of iwi, community, non-government, research, local government and central government organisations and agencies. A second community stakeholder meeting held in December 2012 focussed on prioritising a list of projects identified to address the key issues. Feedback from these workshops, and from other stakeholder engagement, formed the basis of the draft NERP document.

The programme lists 16 projects that address key issues and enhancement opportunities. The majority of projects involve local government organisations as lead or partner agencies.

Indicative costs, timeframes and priorities are included. The partners have collaborated to ensure the links are recognised to other recovery programmes and plans, and to existing work programmes and projects.

Once the programme is finalised and adopted further work will be required to ensure the implementation is integrated and coordinated, progress on the NERP is reviewed and reported, and environmental monitoring and reporting is carried out.

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