

STAFF REPORT

TO: Enterprise Subcommittee
FROM: Reserves Manager
REFERENCE:
DATE: 10 May 2006
SUBJECT: Bio Solid on Rabbit Island

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to bring the Committee up to date with the proposal of the Nelson Regional Sewerage Authority to apply for consent to increase the amount of nitrogen in the bio solid and also to apply for use of Rough Island to increase the dispersal area.

BACKGROUND

At the February meeting of the Enterprise Committee Councillor Higgins informed the Committee that the Nelson Regional Sewerage Authority would be applying to Council for a consent to double the amount of nitrogen in the bio solid and to be able to apply bio solid on the forest areas of Rough Island.

The Committee discussed what the impact would be on the forest in regards to wood density and the increased importance this now plays in the marketing of wood and the issue of public use of Rough Island in regards to access to the forest areas.

The Committee nominated a Working Party to follow these concerns up with the NRSA.

The NRSA has not yet lodged a Resource consent application.

COMMENT

Since this time I have attended an informal meeting with Dave Fincham Council's Forest Manager, Mike Schruer and James Hopkins from the NRSA along with Matt Lord from Opus who is working as their Consultant.

This was generally a fact finding mission for the NRSA on what Council's concerns would be in regards to this resource consent application.

We discussed the concerns of the Committee and I informed them that the Enterprise Committee had nominated a Working Party to follow up this issue.

Mike Schruer indicated that once they had put together more information they would hold a meeting with this Working Party.

There has also been discussion on the exchange of information from Hailong Wang who carries out the bio solid research project funded by Council and the Forest Research Institute and Olsens have been carrying out investigations into the wood density issue of which information is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

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