

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Enterprise Subcommittee

**FROM:** Reserves Manager

**REFERENCE:**

**DATE:** 12 September 2006

**SUBJECT:** Rabbit Island – NRSA Variation to Bio Solids Application

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## PURPOSE

To advise the Committee on issues raised at the meeting between Nelson Regional Sewerage Authority and the Enterprise working committee held on the 9 August 2006 (copy of memo on meeting attached).

## BACKGROUND

The NRSA are proposing to apply to Council for a Resource Consent to apply bio solid to Rough Island and increase the nitrogen level in the bio solid applied on Rabbit Island.

The issue has arisen as NRSA will run out of capacity on the Island in the near future and are looking at options to remedy this.

At Council's request PF Olsen & Co provided a report on this proposal (copy of report attached) and the implications this could have on the forest resource at Rabbit Island.

## COMMENT

The Working Party reviewed the report from PF Olsen and discussed the options available to the NRSA aside from this proposal.

The Working Party indicated to NRSA that due to the potential economic risks to the forest resource, impacts to the environment and that this proposal would only be buying time in regards to the installation of a dewatering plant, the Working Party may not support this proposal however the proposal would be referred back to the Enterprise Committee for full discussion.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Enterprise Committee advises the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit that it has severe reservations about the wisdom of increasing bio solid applications on the Rabbit Island forest.

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