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**Report to:** Golden Bay Community Board  
**Meeting Date:** 8 May 2012  
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**Subject:** **Zone 5 Meeting – 30 March 2012**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Zone 5 comprises the West Coast, Top of the South and Canterbury and represents 24 Community Boards predominantly Christchurch and rural Canterbury. This was the first meeting of Zone 5 for 12 months primarily because of the enormous disruption caused by the earthquakes. Zone 5 is one of six zones that make up CBEC, the Community Boards Executive Committee, and this meeting was organised by Mike Mora, who is Chair of the Riccarton/Wigram Board.
- 1.2 There were three very interesting presentations. The first was on Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) which is a technique used in oil and geothermal extraction which has attracted some controversy as it has been linked to both groundwater pollution and seismic activity. This is a hot topic in Canterbury as there are two pending oil exploration licences that will be before the Canterbury Regional Council. The key questions were “What level of risk is unacceptable?” and “What level of reward is appropriate to manage risk?” There are no current or pending applications in the Tasman region. The announcement that the Parliamentary Commissioner for the environment will be conducting a thorough investigation into the process was welcomed by all present as it will hopefully give some clear guidance to regional councils as to how to assess the risk from this process.
- 1.3 There was a very interesting presentation on a Neighbourhood Support initiative which is a database of community resources which is available to Civil Defence and allows people to identify what skills and resources they have available in the event of a civil emergency, and also to identify those people who may have medical issues who need help. The database is web based and portable so can be run via cell phone and wifi links, which both were available after the earthquake. It also allows text or email alerts to be sent out to those in the database. It is a bottom up rather than top down system. This information has been passed on to Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and could be a useful model for our region to develop. Some further information is available on [www.christchurch.getsready.net](http://www.christchurch.getsready.net)
- 1.4 Finally there was a presentation on the Sale of Liquor Act as there were concerns about the proliferation of liquor outlets. The presentation was by the Senior Liquor Licensing Inspector for Christchurch and explained how the

philosophy behind the 1989 Act was that liquor selling was now considered just another retail activity and made licences easier to obtain but in theory easier to lose. From a regulatory perspective the view was that it is not the number of outlets but the way society accepts excessive liquor consumption, and until that changes the regulatory role has limited effectiveness.

- 1.5 Mick Lester the chair of CBEC also spoke about current issues, which included GBCBs concerns about the pool formulae on offer not reflecting the workload of community board members. This follows on from the survey of elected members to record hours spent on board business. CBEC is represented at Council Zone meetings.
- 1.6 The issues of targeted rates and rural member's mileage were brought to the table and these will be followed up through the CBEC executive. Their next meeting is in Wellington in September.
- 1.7 As always it was good to meet and talk with other board members. There is certainly a cultural difference in how Canterbury councils and especially Christchurch interact with their boards, viewing them as an essential part of the local governance structure.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the report be received.

## **3. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Zone 5 Meeting Report RGB12-05-02.**

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