

# Canterbury Regional Waste Management Agreement

## Purpose

To work together towards promoting waste minimisation.

- § To ensure optimum effectiveness of waste management.
- § To pursue maximum efficiency in waste management.
- § For the benefit of Canterbury's environment and people.

## Guiding Principles

### Working Together

- § We will freely share non-confidential information and resources with Canterbury Councils and others where practicable.
- § We will endeavour to ensure the coordination and compatibility of our waste management operations and services.
- § We will support equitable access to waste management operations, regardless of district boundaries.

### What We Will Do

- § We will take responsibility for our actions to the wider environment and community both within and outside the region.
- § We will lead by example, incorporating waste minimisation into our own operations.
- § We will promote reduction as the preferred means of minimising waste.
- § We will ensure that waste diversion is our primary aim in managing waste that is already created.
- § We will recognise that waste disposal is the last resort and must be undertaken in an environmentally responsible manner.
- § We will ensure economic/regulatory policies are consistent with and promote waste minimisation goals.
- § We will consider the environmental, social and economic impacts from waste management.
- § We will actively promote the principles of waste reduction at source, by working with and influencing industrial and commercial interests and central government.

### How Will We Do It

- § We will involve and support our community in waste management decision making and operations.
- § We will encourage people to take responsibility for their own waste and meet the associated costs where practicable.
- § We will ensure our community is informed and educated regarding waste management and waste minimisation.
- § We will make decisions regarding waste management based on sound information where it is available, and will actively seek it when it is not.

### Signatories (AUGUST 2000)

Ashburton District Council

Christchurch City Council

Hurunui District Council

Kaikoura District Council

Mackenzie District Council

Selwyn District Council

Timaru District Council

Waimakariri District Council

Waimate District Council

