

Appendix 2b:

Oral submissions – 17 February 2010

Oral submissions in support of written submissions were received by the Strategy and Policy Committee on 17 February 2010. Eight submissions were heard from four organisations and four individuals. The oral submissions are summarised following. In the majority of cases the submitter was willing to answer any additional questions from Councillors off-line.

Oral submitters:

Paul Bruce	-	Appropriate Technology for Living Association
John Morrison	-	Churton Park Community Association
Martin Payne	-	Individual
Frank Cook	-	Individual
Patricia Kane	-	Loyola Christian Life Community
Nick Ulrich	-	Individual
Frank Cook	-	Wellington Residents' Coalition
Michael Taylor	-	Individual

Overview

Generally the submitters all spoke to their respective written submissions with references to rainwater harvesting, domestic water uses versus the need for potable water, the need for water to be valued more, environmental costs associated with dams, the need for resilience and the improved security of supply provided by centralised collection (i.e. a dam or third lake).

The committee asked questions of the submitters relating to:

- the cost of on-site rainwater harvesting versus a regional solution
- the GWRC report on the suitability of rainwater tanks for Wellington
- the barriers faced by residents in undertaking rainwater harvesting themselves
- the ability of rainwater tanks to provide for emergency situations
- the value of education and how it is made effective
- the breadth of commercial metering
- the use of streams for augmenting emergency supplies
- the length of time for education based programmes to take effect

Responses were generally related to the tone of the submission and reiterated or expanded on the question received.

Conclusion

As the oral submissions received on 17 February largely reflected the submissions received in writing and by email there has been little additional information gleaned.

The only exception to this was references made to the GWRC generated report on the suitability of rainwater tanks in the Wellington environment. The comments made were noted and have been referred in the main paper (page xx).