

THE NEW ZEALAND WASTE STRATEGY

The Minister for the Environment officially launched *the New Zealand Waste Strategy* at Parliament on 1 March 2002. Congratulations to the Ministry for putting out this document, which contains some challenging waste reduction targets for us all to work towards.

Of particular note, and supporting BusinessCare's efforts focusing on reducing business wastes, are strategies:

- Seeking to reduce waste at source, moving up the pipe (p12)
- Requirements for businesses to have waste management plans when renewing resource consents and trade waste consents (p23 & 25)
- Encouragement of sector focused waste minimisation programmes (p23)
- Full cost recovery for waste treatment and disposal processes (p27)
- Encouraging businesses to improve product design for durability and recyclability and to develop product take-back schemes (p45)

For hard copies of the Strategy document, contact Charles Willmot at Ministry for the Environment charles.willmot@mfe.govt.nz or to access an on-line copy www.mfe.govt.nz

GROWING AN INNOVATIVE NEW ZEALAND

This government report, released in February, sets out the framework government is following to create the innovative New Zealand we need to achieve our economic and social goals.

Although small in mention, the issue of sustainability is raised and the need for economic policies to be environmentally sustainable highlighted (p31)

Go to <http://www.executive.govt.nz/minister/clark/innovate/index.html> for on-line copy, or

Contact Trish Green at the Prime Minister's office for a hard copy. trish.green@parliament.govt.nz

THE BIG CLEAN UP

Auckland Regional Council is piloting a three-stage public environmental awareness campaign. This is to be launched on Monday 8th April with stage 1 targeting Households. Stage 2 will target Businesses and then Rural in stage 3.

This campaign seeks to build on the energies of the very successful "smoky vehicle" campaign that was run in Auckland last year.

The Ministry for the Environment is supporting this campaign which is a pilot for a potential nationwide campaign. For more info please email Jami Williams at ARC on jami.williams@arc.govt.nz

SUSTAINABLE HOUSEHOLDS

Sustainable Households is a joint project being piloted over two years between nine local and regional authorities: Marlborough District Council, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council, Wellington Regional Council, Hutt City, Environment Waikato and Hamilton City Council.

It receives financial backing from the Minister for the Environment's Sustainable Management Fund.

During 2001-2003 the local authorities and their contractors will trial, monitor and review the pilot programme.

The Project Co-ordinator is Rhys Taylor. Six topics are focussed on: – energy, waste, water, transport, shopping and gardening – in evening classes, or more informally with a community group, over a four to six month period.

The aim of the programme is to trial the Sustainable Households project 10 times in different locations with community groups, **workplace groups** and through an evening- class system.

For further information please contact Annie McDonald at Marlborough District Council, 03 5785249 amc@marlborough.govt.nz or Project Coordinator Rhys Taylor on 03 343 6226. anneandrhys@compuserve.com.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL INDUSTRY WASTE PROGRAMME 2002-2003

Their 2000 / 2001 programme looked at the waste stream from twelve individual businesses.

Building on their findings from last year, this year's programme is focussing on the waste stream from five of the major industry groupings dominant in the Marlborough Region.

- To gain valuable information and data on the industries waste, volumes and current practices
- To introduce further Cleaner Production options to the Industries
- To use the information to cost out setting up a user pays industrial waste recycling system

All aspects of waste in any solid, liquid or gas form will be covered but of high interest will be the identification of hazardous waste and the management of this waste.

The groupings to be covered are: -

1. Forestry
2. Aquaculture
3. Viticulture*
4. Farming
5. Construction

*The council has been involved in a sustainability project working in the viticulture sector for a number of years
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FUTURE PROOFING?

THE greening of Australian university campuses will branch into lecture theatres through a national plan to integrate environmental programs into all tertiary courses.

Senior lecturer at the Macquarie University Graduate School of the Environment Daniella Tilbury says "The idea is to implement the teaching of sustainable development across all programs. It's mainstreaming environmental education across the tertiary sector, so regardless of what training you've done, you will have a basic understanding of the basic [sustainable development] skills needed to actually make a difference within your field."

"It's not just environmental issues, though - when we talk about sustainability we try to incorporate the social and economic considerations into environmental protection. So we're talking about triple bottom-line reporting."

Green tinge for all courses. The Australian, Edition 1 WED 05 DEC 2001; Page 021 James Madden & Tracy Peacock <http://www.qse.mq.edu.au/>

\$\$\$ SAVING SUCCESS STORIES

The Target Zero programme operated by the Christchurch City Council are publishing great case studies on their website

Find out how a variety of businesses used good waste minimisation practices to save money and increase profits!

[In the cafeteria/kitchen](#)
[In the grounds or during construction](#)
[In manufacturing](#)
[In the office](#)

For more info link to the website

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz/TargetZero/WasteMinimisation>

BETTER PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR BOATBUILDING INDUSTRY

Waitakere City Council's cleaner production boat building project has developed 2 levels for initiating better environmental, health and safety practices in the boat building industry.

Level 1 - Boat Building Information Group (BBIG)

Members include Waitakere City Council cleaner production team, Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), OSH, Boating Industry Association (BIA), UNITEC, Auckland Regional Council pollution control, NZ Engineering, Printing & Manufacturing Union. The purpose of this group is to examine issues that affect boat builder health & safety and the environmental outcomes, and to champion projects to support boat builders seeking to improve their practices. They have been discussing the potential for an industry based Health, Safety & Environment guide

Level 2 - Boat Building Industry Forum

Waitakere City Council and ACC Henderson have initiated a local group to support the local boat builders begin working on health, safety & environment practices. Nine boat builders have accepted the invitations for the first meeting.

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Look out for:

April Newsletter: The sustainable "green" office

May Newsletter: Focus on plastics