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ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH, 3-9 APRIL

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand conference to be held in Christchurch, 29 March – 1 April 2005, and to seek approval for councillor attendance at the conference.

2. Executive Summary

The Environment of Australia and New Zealand Inc (EIANZ) is a representative professional organisation specifically formed to meet the needs of environmental practitioners and present a professional view on environmental issues in public forums.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Recommend that Council approve the attendance of one councillor at the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand conference to be held in Christchurch, 29 March – 1 April 2005, and that the costs associated with attending the conference be met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEMO1).*
- 3. Note that a Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30 March and a Wellington Regional Strategy Forum meeting is scheduled for 31 March 2005.*
- 4. Note that a report back on the Conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

4. Discussion

The theme for this conference is “Working on the Frontier: Environmental Sustainability in Practice” and will be driven by a need for professional development and professional accountability. The conference will provide an opportunity to gain insights and understandings from the broad range of disciplines who are members of EIANZ.

The sub-themes listed below have been used to segment concurrent session presentations in to five streams. An outline of the presentations is attached as Appendix One to this report.

• C&IRM	Community and Indigenous Resource Management Traditional wisdom, bringing together past and future, participation versus consultation.
• I&EMS	Industry and Environmental Management Systems Best practice, certification, accountability and green business.
• ST&EM	Systems Thinking and Environmental Management Integrated, trans-disciplinary approaches, theory and practice.
• A&R	Assessment and Reporting Environmental Impact Assessment, State of Environment reporting, sustainability reporting and environmental audits.
• CE&D	Communication, Education and Dialogue Transfer of information and ideas, consultation and public participation.

There are also a range of technical tours and optional tours that are designed to showcase environmental challenges in Christchurch and Canterbury. These tours are included in the full registration fee; pre-booking is essential.

4.1 Considerations

When deciding whether elected member should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The total cost if one elected member is appointed is expected to be \$1585.00 and will be met from the Elected Members budget.

The impact on the budget of one elected member attending this conference is outlined in Table One.

Table One

	2004/2005 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel	\$34,000	\$8,223 ¹	\$25,777
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$1,585	\$9,808	\$24,192

¹ The attendance of 1 Councillor to the LIANZA conference at a cost of \$1795.00
The attendance of 1 Councillor and 2 Community Board members to the Community Board conference at a cost of \$4308.00
The attendance of 2 Councillors to the Regional Development conference \$2120.00

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows (per person):

Item	Cost
Registration	\$735.00
Accommodation (x3 nights)	\$490.00
Return Airfares	\$360.00
Total	\$1585.00

5. Conclusion

A decision is required as to which elected member should attend the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand conference to be held in Christchurch, 29 March – 1 April 2005.

Contact Officer: *Democratic Services*

Appendix One

Concurrent Session One Wed 11.05am	
C&IRM	Working towards living streams in Canterbury - a pragmatic community focused approach to improving stream health. <i>Rob Gerard</i>
I&EMS	ISO 14001 Certified: a soft EMS lacking in real outcomes or a pathway to environmental sustainability? <i>Wayne Cullinan</i>
ST&EM	EMS and the Management of State Highway Networks. <i>Steph Brown & Steve Higgs</i>
A&R	A decade of SOE reporting in the Australian Capital Territory and adjacent region. <i>Rosemary Purdie</i>
CE&D	Watershed Torbay Western Australia - Beyond awareness to behaviour change. <i>Louise Duxbury</i>
Concurrent Session Two Wed 11.45am	
C&IRM	Achieving the community's vision for the Avon-Heathcote Estuary/Ihutai and its catchment - putting Integrated Environmental Management into practice. <i>Jenny Bond</i>
I&EMS	Beyond ISO14001- a new age of environmental management certification for SMEs. <i>Jeska McNicol & Paul Barrett</i>
ST&EM	KnowEdge, Understanding Knowledge Management for Sustainability Development in Practice. <i>Ian Turney & Neill Allan</i>
A&R	A review of Environmental Impact Assessment of tourism pontoons on the Great Barrier Reef. <i>Adam Smith</i>
CE&D	Changing behaviour? NZ households learn to tackle practical sustainability. <i>Rhys Taylor</i>
Concurrent Session Three Wed 1.20pm	
C&IRM	Bringing together the past and future: indigenous Maori Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship) of a unique geothermal Taonga (Treasure) in continuum. <i>Lesley Bradley-Vine</i>
I&EMS	Cooperative approach to a code of best practice for the New Zealand printing industry. <i>Sarah Pritchett</i>
ST&EM	Improving Capability with a Policy Cycle. <i>Scott Rawlings</i>
A&R	Raising the Benchmark for Environmental Assessment. <i>Bryce Skarratt</i>
CE&D	Communicating about active transport: connecting people, organisations and urban places. <i>Gabrielle Kuiper</i>
Workshop	EBEX E-Manage – a web-based system for monitoring and reporting on your organisation's energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. <i>Stu McKenzie</i>
Concurrent Session Four Wed 2.00pm	
C&IRM	Uruamo Headland: a model for urban environmental management. <i>Mel Galbraith</i>
I&EMS	Northland Sustainable Tourism Project. <i>Francois Barton</i>

ST&EM	Implementation of the New Zealand Waste Strategy 3 years on. <i>Ket Bradshaw</i>
A&R	The Sustainability Assessment Model (SAM): Measuring Sustainable Development Performance. <i>Jo Cavanagh & Bob Frame</i>
CE&D	Environmentally sustainable transport. <i>Lisa Rossiter</i>
Workshop	At the Coal Face of Sustainability Implementation: Prototyping a Local Government Code of Practice for Sustainability in Urban Developments. <i>Darren Utting</i>
Concurrent Session Five Wed 2.40pm	
I&EMS	Enviro-Mark NZ is making its mark. <i>Jim Watt</i>
ST&EM	Four cities and a region: integrated transport-land use planning as a sustainable transport solution for the Wellington Region. <i>Susan Chapman</i>
A&R	Sustainability Reporting and the GRI process. <i>Ann Smith & Richard Gordon</i>
CE&D	Tasmania - frontier or fertile ground? A waste management case study. <i>Stuart Reeh</i>
Workshop	Visual Reality Simulations - the Importance of Accuracy. <i>Sam Chaffey</i>
Concurrent Session Six Wed 4.25pm	
C&IRM	Reticulation - an agent for sustainability development? <i>Tim Rimmer, Robyn Bailey & Susan Barker</i>
I&EMS	Application of Environmental Profiling Techniques to the Building and Construction Industry. <i>Mike O'Connell</i>
ST&EM	Integrated management for an ecocity. <i>Chris Ferkins & Jan Weaver</i>
A&R	Public perceptions of New Zealand freshwater and its management. <i>Ken Hughey, Geoff Kerr & Ross Cullen</i>
CE&D	Public Participation in New Zealand Genetic Modification Legislation and Policy. <i>Emma Williams</i>
Concurrent Session Seven Thu 11.00am	
C&IRM	Integrated Waste Management: Bringing the People and the Programme Together. <i>Jeff Seadon</i>
I&EMS	Seafood EMS – An industry driven approach to EMS. <i>Emma Thomson</i>
ST&EM	Environmental Risk Management Practice and Integrated Environmental Planning in New Zealand – Current State. <i>Ljubica Mamula-Stonjic</i>
A&R	Farm gate nutrient balances in south west Western Australia- an eco-efficiency indicator? <i>Simon Neville</i>
CE&D	Environmental Management at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology. <i>Barbara Dolamore</i>
Concurrent Session Eight Thu 11.40am	
C&IRM	The Killer Watt. <i>Andrew Alcorn</i>
I&EMS	A Journey Towards Sustainability. <i>Michael Field</i>

ST&EM	Inside the Trojan Horse: Sustainability as an agent of structural change. <i>Valerie Brown</i>
A&R	Monitoring ephemeral pollution events. <i>Phil Ross</i>
CE&D	Vision, Design, Theory and Practice, The Unitec Hortecology Experience. <i>Brendan Hoare</i>
Concurrent Session Nine Fri 9.55am	
C&IRM	Kaitiakitanga Aotearoa: Contemporary Challenges in Iwi Resource Management. <i>Leo Koziol</i>
I&EMS	EMS Partnering delivers the goods at South Walker Creek Mine. <i>Simon Cavendish, Neil Reynoldson & Scott Winter</i>
ST&EM	Think systemically, Act locally: the development of a sustainability assessment process in Sydney, Australia. <i>Meg Keen & Sango Mahanty</i>
A&R	Developing an Integrated Groundwater - Surface Water Model as a Tool for Sustainable Water Management. <i>Thomas Krom</i>
CE&D	Television and environmental sustainability: A call for a Code of Standards. <i>Ian Spellerberg, Graeme Buchan & Nick Early</i>
Concurrent Session Ten Fri 11.00am	
C&IRM	Environmental and Social Auditing in Developing Countries. <i>Graham Brown</i>
I&EMS	System integration and sustainability. <i>Marian Genner</i>
ST&EM	Integrating Sustainable Development into Business. <i>Dennis Parker</i>
A&R	Humping and hollowing on the Frontier - sustainable agriculture on the West Coast. <i>Pene Burns & Greg Offer</i>
CE&D	They Never Said It Would Be Easy. <i>Gwyn Narraway & Leah Murphy</i>