

Report 13.103

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Committee Council

Notice of motion - Cr Paul Bruce

Councillor Bruce has given notice of his intention to move the following motion at Council's meeting on 20 March 2013:

"That the Council:

1. Notes:

Environmental Risk Management Authority decision November 2010, requires all methyl bromide fumigations to be recaptured within 10 years, and where recapture technology is not used, annual monitoring reports to the EPA, local Department of Labour and the relevant Medical Officer of Health, and that all monitoring reports will be published on the EPA website

That recapture is necessary because of the high level of public concern about the hazardous nature of methyl bromide and to protect the ozone layer, in accordance with New Zealand's obligations under the Montreal Protocol

That the annual reports outlining progress towards introducing recapture technology and the use of alternative methods supplied by CentrePort to EPA have not been made available to the Public or Greater Wellington Regional Council

That Port Nelson requires all methyl bromide fumigations within its Port operational area to be recaptured according to a Port Code of Practice and the Nelson City Council Air Plan

The Port Nelson Code of Practice, which incorporates fumigant recapture, has been accepted by the fumigation operator, timber industry representatives and Port Nelson Ltd (PNL). Compliance with this Code is the responsibility of the fumigator and a requirement in order to operate at Port Nelson.

2. As majority shareholder recommends that CentrePort:

Takes a precautionary approach to the use of methyl bromide to protect the health of port workers and persons living or working near the port and the protection of the ozone layer

Publishes their annual report outlining progress towards introducing recapture technology and the use of alternative methods so that there is a high level of public transparency with respect to progress being made by CentrePort

Develops a Plan for implementation of recapture technology or the use of alternative methods in the 2013/14 financial year, including the development of a Code of Practice for operational use of methyl bromide."