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Report 13.103

Council

Minute extract from meeting held on 20 March 2013

Notice of motion – Councillor Paul Bruce

The Council agreed to accept an amendment to item 5 – Notice of motion – Councillor Paul Bruce.

Councillor Bruce spoke to the report.

Moved

(Cr Bruce / Cr Wilde)

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:*

Congratulates CentrePort on its intention to move to recapture technology for the fumigant methyl bromide in this next financial year.

Recommends that CentrePort publishes regular updates including fumigation figures and 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.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

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