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To: [Mailroom Mailbox](#)
Subject: FW: Re: pCARP EMAIL:03161499
Date: Friday, 1 May 2015 8:29:30 a.m.
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Hi Mailroom,

Can you please TRIM and workflow this submission?

Thanks

Charles

----- Original Message -----

From: Bodger Pat
Received: 30/04/2015 7:32 p.m.
To: ECInfo; Environment Canterbury; Services Customer; Services Customer
Subject: Re: pCARP EMAIL:03161499

Dear Charles

Thank you for your response and the reports. I would like to offer a couple of comments which I hope you can accept as a submission to the Air Plan.

In the "Review of the role and practices of stubble burning ...", the table in the summary does not have environmental or social (health) columns. Only brief mention is made of these in the report, yet in terms of air quality, which is what the Air Plan is about, these are the major considerations. I suspect that stubble burning, while being the best from an economic viewpoint, would rank lower in both these against the other 3 listed options.

That aside, outdoor burning is not only about stubble burning. Perhaps a greater air pollution issue is the burning of green matter as a result of hedge and shelter belt trimming. Trimming is done in autumn and coincides with the lifting of the summer burning ban. So there are many fires that emit acrid dense smoke because the organic matter is not dry. It can also be a practice that to get such green matter to burn, liquid fossil fuel accelerants are used, or worse, plastic or rubber (old tyres). These emit nauseous gases into the air, easily detected through their pungent smell. The smoke can spread and linger over very wide areas and penetrate into houses with open windows and doors.

I would like to suggest that stubble burning and green waste burning are treated as 2 separate issues, as I can see no economic benefit from the latter. Shredding of such matter is a viable option and I witnessed this after the 2013 winds in North Canterbury, where the amount of waste green matter was very large.

Thank you for your consideration

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On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 12:45 PM, ECInfo <ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear Pat

Thank you for your email about the proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan.

I have attached copies of two reports referred to in the Plan.

If you have any further enquiries, please reply to this email or call Customer Services (details below).

Kind regards

Charles

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----- Original Message -----

From: Bodger Pat
Received: 14/04/2015 1:51 p.m.
To: ECInfo; Environment Canterbury; Services Customer; Services Customer
Subject: pCARP

Hi

In your information brochure on "Outdoor Burning" there is a line "Research shows that stubble burning is the best way to prepare soil for Canterbury's grain and small seed crops."

I would be pleased to receive an e copy of any papers or articles about that research.

Yours sincerely

Pat Bodger