

PREFACEENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & ENHANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR
THE NEW CEMENT WORKS AT WESTON, NORTH OTAGO

At a meeting of representatives from the District Commissioner of Works, the Ministry of Works and Development Town Planning Division, the Commission for the Environment and the Company in October 1978, the most appropriate procedures for the handling of matters relating to the environmental impact of the Company's proposals were discussed (Refer Enclosure 1).

Following this meeting, and on the initiative of the Waitaki County Council, a Statutory Joint Committee of the Oamaru Borough, Waimate County and Waitaki County Council has been formed and three councillors from each Council have been appointed to this Committee.

A Technical Committee comprising the Clerks, Engineers & Town Planner for the three Councils is established and this technical committee, together with co-opted people representing bodies appropriate to the matters at the time under discussion, will report to the Joint Committee.

The Waitaki County has been appointed the administrative body for the Committee.

Whilst the individual local and other authorities, including Government Departments, will retain their decision making roles under the various acts for which they are responsible, the Statutory Joint Committee will co-ordinate the investigations into the impact of the proposals and into the adequacy of the plans and procedures proposed for the protection and enhancement of the environment. They will also ensure that the affected public are informed of the proposals.

On completion of the investigations the Committee will make recommendations to their respective Councils.

The Company will co-operate to the fullest extent with this Committee. (Enclosures 1, 2 & 3 refer).