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## **PROJECT KEA TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH IWI ON CULTURAL IMPACT REPORT**

South Island Resource Recovery Limited (SIRRL), the joint venture company proposing to build an Energy-from-Waste plant at Glenavy in South Canterbury, known as Project Kea, will continue to work with mana whenua to complete a cultural impact assessment for its Resource Management Act consent application to Environment Canterbury (ECan) and the Waimate District Council (WDC).

SIRRL Director Paul Taylor said that the company was notified by ECan and WDC this week that the application would not be processed until it also received a completed cultural impact assessment report.

Last month SIRRL relodged its original September consent application, providing further information and data that ECan and WDC identified as required before it could be formally accepted.

“In the letter SIRRL received this week, both councils acknowledged the resubmitted application has *‘addressed many of the matters raised in the previous application regarding adverse effects of the discharges to air, stormwater, and wastewater,’*” Paul Taylor said.

“However, the councils said that neither would accept the application until a cultural impact assessment, already underway, was complete and submitted.

“SIRRL was currently considering legal advice on whether this decision was a breach of legal process, and that processing of the other reports that make up the Project Kea application should proceed in the meantime.”

Paul Taylor said SIRRL would formally reply to both ECan and WDC on this matter by the end of this week.

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