

11. **MEETING WITH RESIDENTS' GROUPS**
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As part of its ongoing communication with the community, the Board hosted a meeting for local Residents' Groups on Wednesday 21 August 2002.

Although there was a disappointing attendance, a number of issues were raised which are worthy of addressing further. A full report of the meeting will be submitted to the 1 October meeting of the Board.

Two key issues were considered and these related to "trees" and "local planning matters".

As far as "trees" are concerned reference was made to the work initiated by the Board in hosting a trees seminar in December 2000. This particular seminar resulted in later reporting through the (then) Environment, and Resource Management, Committees of Council.

As the Board noted, and endorsed, many of the issues captured during this process it could be of value for the outcomes to be reviewed. It would seem appropriate that the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee be tasked with this work.

The issue of "local planning" was captured by reference to concerns over a number of developments in the community. While it was noted that the Board does not have a direct role in the quasi-judicial process of consent application/approval/etc it would seem relevant that an opportunity be provided for the Board to be better informed on aspects of ongoing development in its community, and on any ongoing impacts that may be occurring as a result of these.

In recent months the Environmental Services Unit has offered the opportunity to develop a relationship with the Board on local planning and development. Based on this offer it would seem appropriate that a relationship be initiated by the Board holding a seminar on such matters. An update on current "developments", any City Plan issues, and discussion on community concerns could form the basis for this seminar.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee be tasked with reviewing the outcomes resulting from the Board hosted tree seminar of December 2000.
 2. That a seminar session be held on the subject of "local planning and development".

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Recommendation: That the foregoing recommendations be adopted