

8. MR AND MRS SCHNELLE, 14 WARNER PLACE, CHRISTCHURCH

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Regulatory and Consents Committee members of the current situation of a property issue recently televised on Fair Go, and to recommend that two Committee members meet with the property's owners, Mr and Mrs Schnelle.

BACKGROUND

As Councillors will probably be aware, there was an item on Fair Go last Wednesday, 2 April 2003, involving the Christchurch City Council. The item referred to complaints by Mr and Mrs Schnelle and allegations that the former Heathcote County Council had failed in its duty of care in relation to the construction of the house that Mr and Mrs Schnelle now own and live in. The Christchurch City Council today, as the successor to the Heathcote County Council, is legally responsible for managing such claims.

The Fair Go item gave the impression that the Christchurch City Council to date had not listened to the Schnelles. This impression is incorrect and Council officers have spent many hours discussing the issue with the Schnelles. The item also referred to the Council meeting with the Schnelles to see if there was a possible resolution of the issue, and this report is to recommend that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, together with appropriate Council officers, meet with the Schnelles to discuss the matter.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, together with appropriate Council officers, meet with Mr and Mrs Schnelle to discuss their concerns regarding the property at 14 Warner Place, Christchurch.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.