

15. **ILAM AND UPPER RICCARTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a request from the Association for financial support to enable them to seek a professional report in respect of a Resource Consent submission that they wish to make to Environment Canterbury.

Members will be aware of the high community interest in the pending application by Feltex New Zealand to lodge a Resource Consent with Environment Canterbury to seek approval to burn coal from their boilers.

Public meetings have been held at which the company and the community have talked about this issue. The Community Advocate has now received a request from the Resident's Association for monies to enable a consultant to be engaged in support of their submission to Ecan opposing the anticipated application.

This Board has previously received requests from residents groups for monies. The policy of the Council is not to fund such requests but Community Boards are able to use their discretionary funds if they so wish.

It is suggested that this matter be referred to the Environment Committee for further consideration. The Advocacy Team discussed associated issues around this request and these will be expanded upon at the Board meeting in respect of possible options or immediate future action.

**Recommendation:** For discussion at today's Board meeting.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** For discussion at today's Board meeting.