

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

29. ROCKGAS LIMITED – GAS PIPES IN ROADS

RR 8267

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BACKGROUND

At the August Committee meeting when the Committee considered the report in respect to Rockgas proposals, it was resolved:

1. That the proposal of Rockgas to install gas reticulation in the central city be received.
2. That pursuant to S114P of the Local Government Act 1974 the Council appoint a Utility Sub-Committee of the City Services Committee comprising Councillors Denis O'Rourke and Ron Wright, the City Streets Manager and the Asset Engineer (Policy).
3. That the Sub-Committee be delegated the powers of the Council under the Telecommunications Act 1987 and the Gas Act 1992 to impose conditions relating to telecommunications facilities and gas lines.
4. That the matter of valuation and rating of gas pipes under the provisions of the Rating Act 1998 be referred to the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Resolution 2 – the inclusion of elected representatives to impose conditions in all situations will have implications for the Council's ability:

1. To comply within the time frame eg with respect to Section 15A of Telecommunications Act 1987.
2. To administer this activity effectively due to the high volume of applications (approximately 350 per year).

In processing the utility operator's application the Council has no legal right to approve or disapprove of the proposal. It is for these reasons unwise to include Councillors in the sub-committee to impose conditions. However to keep the Committee informed of this activity it is proposed that:

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1. The activity be included in the City Streets monitoring report to Council.
2. The Committee be informed of new operators working on our roads.
3. The Committee be informed of new reticulating systems.

It would also be appropriate to involve a sub-committee in instances where the service proposal is significant and/or of a sensitive nature (eg Rockgas proposal)

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Recommendation:

1. That resolution 2 be amended to read:

That pursuant to S114P of the Local Government Act 1974 the Council delegated the powers of Council to the City Streets Manager to impose conditions relating to the installation of utility services – telecommunications, gas, water, stormwater, sewer in the roads.

2. That resolution 3 be amended to read:

That pursuant to S114P of the Local Government Act 1974 the Council appoint a Utility Sub-Committee of the City Services Committee comprising Councillors Denis O'Rourke and Ron Wright, the City Streets Manager and the Asset Engineer (Policy) to which the City Streets Manager may refer significant or sensitive applications.

CONSIDERED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 1998

MAYOR