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**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE
NICHOLSON PARK SUB-COMMITTEE**

**2. NICHOLSON PARK –
PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LAND**

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Further to the Sub-Committee's report on pages 387-392 of the main agenda, Councillor Wright, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, and Council staff attended a public meeting in Sumner on 17 September 1998 to respond to the issues raised at the earlier meeting.

The meeting was attended by approximately 40 Sumner residents, most of whom expressed their opposition to the land exchange proposal.

Councillor Wright reported back to a meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 22 September 1998. Because of elected members' commitments it proved impossible to find a time suitable to all members, and only two members, Councillor Wright and Councillor Crighton, were able to attend yesterday's meeting.

Councillor Wright tabled a letter dated 18 September 1998 addressed to the Mayor and Councillors from Grant Cameron Associates, solicitors for an adjoining property owner, seeking the deferral of a decision on the land exchange proposal.

Staff confirmed that they also would support the deferral option to enable a formal hearing to be arranged to give the landowner, Sumner Residents' Association, other interested parties and staff the opportunity to make submissions and present evidence to a hearings panel.

The Sub-Committee, however, considered that in view of the local opposition to the proposal and the Council's responsibility to protect reserve land, Nicholson Park should be retained in its present form.

The Sub-Committee did, however, agree that if the matter is revisited by a future Council then a formal process should be put in place for considering the issue.

Recommendation: That the status quo be maintained and the land exchange not proceed.

CONSIDERED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1998

MAYOR