

## **2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

### **ARTS CENTRE SEISMIC STRENGTHENING**

Mr Tony Paine, Director of the Arts Centre, spoke to his proposal for the earthquake strengthening of the Arts Centre.

He emphasised the significance of the Arts Centre as a major city asset in terms of its cultural, tourist and heritage values, as well as providing an economic return.

The cost of strengthening the facility was estimated at \$8.5M two years ago, and he sought the Council's assistance by providing \$175,000 to meet the cost of engineering work, computer modelling and site assessment of the work required.