

1. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – OURUHIA AERIAL APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Committee heard from a delegation from the Aerial Appeal Committee comprising Mr R Rogers, Mesdames T Wells, D Ward and P Hargreaves.

In the tabled submission, Mrs Hargreaves referred to the urgent need for funds to be provided to enable an indepth research to be completed at Ouruhia, as recommended by Margaret Sweet's report.

She advised that Radio Network had originally agreed to fund a full health survey to enable Doctor Campbell Murdock, a specialist in chronic fatigue syndrome, to conduct the survey and for Dr Blake and Dr Hocking to represent the various parties.

Dr Murdock is only available until the end of January to carry out the research, but Radio Network had decided it was too expensive to continue, unless the Aerial Committee raised \$20,000 in two weeks. Hence the approach to the Council for assistance with this amount.

Mr Bob Rogers, Chairman of the Committee, advised that a draft Ouruhia study protocol had been formulated by Drs Black and Hocking which set out the:

- background
- purpose of study
- design of study
- conduct of study
- protocol

The study was intended to clarify and correlate with relevant objective medical and other data the residents' recollection and perception of their health status of the period before and after the installation of the VHF/FM transmitters.