

14. HEATHCOTE RIVER ESPLANADE RESERVE DEVELOPMENT

RR 10028

The Board considered a facilitator's report on the Heathcote River Esplanade Reserve development to assist it in making a decision on any further development of the Reserve. Lesley MacGibbon had undertaken an independent consultation process with residents regarding the proposed project and advised that the residents were aware their comments would be contained in a report which would be provided to the Board.

The Board **resolved**:

1. That the information be received.
2. That option 2 as identified in the facilitator's report be supported on the basis of the project being staged over not less than a two and no more than five year period.

Neil Pritchard and Ken Moore, residents of the area, had not formally been granted speaking rights, but then sought an opportunity to advise the Board of information they considered was either new to, or inaccurate in the report. They stated, inter alia:

- The Resource Management Act did not require the Council to plant this area or facilitate access to it. People who wanted access could wade across the river.
- Residents preferred option 5
- The area had only recently become an esplanade reserve.
- Some of the plantings were unsuitable and would encroach into the river which would create extra maintenance costs.
- It should be considered as a DOC nature reserve with plantings.
- Easements for the Drainage Board to access some of the properties in this area existed.
- The Council had decided not to require esplanade strips in Fendalton.
- It would be unwise for the Council to do anything until the Scouts lease is resolved.
- Fencing costs would be higher than stated in the report.

Having heard Messrs Pritchard and Moore, the Board **resolved** to reaffirm its earlier resolution.

(Ian Howell, Sue Wells and Sonia Gill requested that their votes against this resolution be noted.)