

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) DIGITAL IMAGING

Messrs Jim Anderson and Sam Chaffey from Digital Presentations Ltd provided a demonstration of the benefits of digital imaging equipment.

Examples of montaging, video simulation and 3D modelling were shown using examples of Christchurch city buildings.

(b) GROUNDSWELL – GENETIC ENGINEERING OF FOOD

Paul de Spa and Lucas Verhoeven of Groundswell, a Christchurch-based group representing various individuals and organisations opposed to the genetic engineering of food, sought the establishment of a GE-free zone for Christchurch city.

They proposed that the use of genetically engineered organisms in New Zealand be limited to controlled laboratory research, until the institution of a code of ethics and the development of testing procedures which accurately determine there are no possible negative effects, both on human health and the environment, from the release of these organisms into the food chain.

The establishment of a GE-free zone in Christchurch was seen as a positive step towards the creation of a safe, healthy environment for the people of Christchurch.

The Committee **decided** that a seminar be held in February 2000, which representatives from Groundswell and other genetic engineering industries would be invited to attend.