

6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

THOMSON PARK - TREE REPLACEMENT

Ms Chrissie Williams addressed the Committee on behalf of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and outlined the key differences between the Community Board's recommendation and the Parks Manager's recommendation in respect of the proposed tree replacement programme for Thomson Park. It was advised that the Board generally supports the local community's views that a number of macrocarpa trees adjacent to the children's playground recommended for removal be retained. Ms Williams also requested that the Parks Unit prepare an alternative landscape plan reflecting the Board's views on the species to be used for the replacement plantings.

Ms Wendy Emerson and Ms Sarah Beaven then addressed the Committee on behalf of concerned North New Brighton residents.

The deputation sought the pruning of the trees along the Marine Parade boundary of the park to address public safety issues and the retention of the macrocarpa trees adjacent to the children's playground on the grounds that these trees have become a familiar landmark in the North Beach area and there was widespread public support for their retention. It was suggested that a staged implementation of the landscape plan before the Committee be considered.

The deputation suggested that failure to endorse the Community Board's recommendation would compromise the goodwill generated by the consultation process.