



4. PETITIONS

The Merivale Precinct Society – Underground Wiring Saturn Overhead Cables

A petition calling on the Council to:

- (i) as a matter of urgency, accelerate the undergrounding of all existing power services; and
- (ii) require any future telecommunication providers such as Saturn to underground their services,

had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its July meeting.

Gina Williamson, spokesperson for the Society, advised that 5,200 people had signed the petition in good faith and she urged the Committee to implement the petition recommendations.

The petitioners were also seeking the inclusion of Merivale and St Albans as sensitive areas, as these suburbs had suffered through infilling and the loss of trees that had served to camouflage the overhead wires.

The petitioners present were advised of the work of the Saturn Subcommittee and that the matter of speeding up the underground cabling would be discussed at the next Annual Plan input rounds.