

5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

5.3 ICENG – INNER CITY EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Ms Belle Melzer addressed the Board seeking a grant of \$3,000 to meet the cost of engaging professional planners to assist in preparing viable solutions to the City Plan provisions which have been the subject of Environment Court references from a group of ten inner city residents' groups and community organisations.

Ms Melzer advised that the applicant organisations seek to work with the Council's planners by being able to engage the professional expertise needed to work with the Council's planners to find acceptable solutions. The expertise is needed for the mediation process, hopefully to avoid the need for the matter to proceed to the Environment Court.

In discussion, it was suggested that one planner could be sought, approved by all parties including the Council, to work through the issues and to seek solutions rather than adopting a confrontational approach. Ms Melzer agreed that this could be a viable option and undertook to confer with the other groups involved.

Charles Manning retired from the Board room during the hearing of this deputation and for the ensuing discussion.