

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.3 NEW BRIGHTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB - TV REPEATER MAST

Jean Bagrie and Karen Kendrick from the New Brighton Residents' Association and **Brian Sandle** were in attendance to speak about the proposal for a sublease from the Surf Club to site a television repeater mast on its premises.

The Association opposes the sublease because the adverse consequences outweigh any benefits. It sees a repeater mast as having an extreme visual impact and conflicting with the future vision for New Brighton as a clean and healthy place. The Association considers that the proximity of the mast to the children's playground would be intimidating. The possible cumulative effect of emissions from a television repeater and other cell tower sites in New Brighton is also of concern to the Association.

Use of underground wiring was suggested by the Association as an alternative means to expand coverage of the television channel. The Association also considers that the Surf Lifesaving Club has other options for fundraising to install a VHF receiver and for promoting the Club to increase membership.

Brian Sandle expressed concern at possible electromagnetic radiation effects from a repeater mast, particularly for approximately two percent of people affected by electrosensitivity. He asked that the rights of the minority be upheld.

Chris O'Brien was also in attendance to comment on the sublease proposal. He expressed concern that the television repeater would interfere with existing radio communication services that are used for search and rescue. Mr O'Brien sees no benefits for local residents from the mast and he has concerns about potential physical and health risks.

The Board's decision is recorded under Part B, clause 10 of this report.