

### **3. DEPUTATIONS**

#### 3.3 sea lettuce in avon/heathcote estuary

Keith Wright was in attendance to speak about sea lettuce problems in the Estuary.

Mr Wright's concern is that sea lettuce is fouling the eastern end of the Estuary in the vicinity of Heron Street. The area does not dry out between tides and the sea lettuce rots and turns to a thick grey mud. The stench of the rotting sea lettuce becomes overpowering for residents in the area. He noted that over the Christmas period contractors had removed sea lettuce from Penguin Street south but not in the Heron Street area.

Mr Wright observed that the Council has made assurances that the Estuary would be cleaned up. He considers that the nutrients from the sewage treatment plant are a major contributing factor to the sea lettuce bloom. As a short-term measure, Mr Wright advocates the filling of the wet areas with clean sand to ensure water drains from the area when the tide recedes.

The Board's decision is recorded under Part B, clause 16 of this report.