


5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) Mr Fred Blogg and Mr John Thompson – Undergrounding, Wai-iti Terrace



Mr Blogg and Mr Thompson attended and spoke to the Committee concerning the increase in the cost of the share to be contributed by the residents of Wai-iti Terrace towards the undergrounding of overhead wiring within their street.

As a consequence of increases in the cost of materials and the decision by Telstra Clear that they no longer wish to lay ducts in the streets, the 50% share to be funded by residents had increased from an original cost estimate of \$37,500 including GST, to \$62,593.88 including GST.

Mr Thompson advised there were approximately 29 residents in the street and currently funding of \$37,500 had been confirmed from some 25 of these at a cost of over \$1,000 per rateable property. He sought the assistance of the Committee in agreeing to a lower level of contribution in respect to this project in view of the changed circumstances since the original estimate was provided. He indicated that residents would be disappointed to see undergrounding not proceed, but he did not feel they would be in a position to contribute any additional funding over and above that which had already been raised for this project.

The representations from Mr Blogg and Mr Thompson were considered in association with clause 19 of the agenda relating to this topic.