

5. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

GOLF LINKS RESIDENTS' GROUP

Tony Mander, Chairperson of the Golf Links Residents' Association, was in attendance to propose short-term measures to reduce the City's smog problems this winter, in advance of long-term initiatives in Environment Canterbury's draft Air Plan. The Association referred to the experience of Armidale near Sydney where smog has been reduced by about 80% by assisting and educating people on the appropriate use of solid fuel heaters.

The Association called for the introduction of a bylaw or other provision making it an offence to operate a solid fuel heater in an unsatisfactory manner and for the distribution of leaflets on correct heater operation and the provision of on-site advice to householders with non-complying burners. In the event of continued non-compliance, the Association suggested a by-law be made setting out levels of fines. Mr Mander requested the Board to advocate such action and to consider funding the provision of leaflets or advice to householders if necessary.

The Board indicated that it would consider this matter in its submission on Environment Canterbury's Annual Plan and invited the Association to also make a submission directly to Environment Canterbury.