5. HINAU STREET – REMOVAL OF STREET TREES

During the major reconstruction of part of Hinau Street, some of the existing street trees were illegally destroyed by some unidentified person/s.

The retention/replacement of the existing street trees was raised during the consultation of the (then) proposed reconstruction. Very limited support to replace the trees was forthcoming, so the decision was made to retain the existing trees.

At its 30 April 2003 meeting the Board decided to ask the Police to investigate the destruction of some of the existing trees, with a view to prosecuting the person/s involved. The Police have now advised that they will not be prosecuting any person/s in this instance.

The Board received the information.

In response to a subsequent request from the City Streets Unit, the Board **decided** that the replacement tree planting be deferred for 12 months so as to allow the replacement specimen trees to grow to a larger size before they are transplanted in Hinau Street.

