

7. REVISED DRAFT CITY-WIDE PLANTING STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an opportunity to formulate a submission on the draft City-wide Planting Strategy (previously distributed).

BACKGROUND

The draft City-wide Planting Strategy was presented at the Board's 13 July 2004 meeting, when the author of the report (Liz Briggs, Policy Leader, Open Space and Water) provided details pertaining to the background and purpose of the draft City-wide Planting Strategy document.

At its 13 July 2004 meeting, the Board **resolved**:

“To defer its submission to a later meeting in order to have sufficient time to seek feedback from community groups”.

Following the 13 July 2004 meeting, staff forwarded a copy of the draft Strategy to all the groups that attended a street and land scaping seminar hosted by the Community Board in April 2004.

At the time of writing this report, feedback has been received from one group (see attached).

In terms of the local plans that are to be developed, progress will be made on area-based planting plans after the new Council is elected and the number of community boards has been confirmed.

CONCLUSION

To assist the Board in formulating a submission, the following comments were noted at its 13 July 2004 meeting:

- Page 14 of the draft – key players should include City Solutions
- Partnerships with outside landscape consultants or universities should be encouraged in order to promote creativity
- Pollarded trees – comment on this
- Funding for maintenance being allocated
- Refer to Council decision (April 2004) on the internal design process (see attached chart)

Submissions close on 3 September 2004.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board formulate a submission on the draft City-wide Planting Strategy.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion and comments to formulate a Board submission.