


13. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Canterbury Manufacturers' Association - Additional charges under the Tradewaste Bylaw



Mr John Walley Canterbury Manufacturers' Association, together with representatives from GL Bowron and Co and Gelita NZ Ltd attended and spoke to the Committee in respect to clause 21 of the agenda 'Additional Charges under the Tradewaste Bylaw'. Mr Walley advised that the increased charges which would result from removal of the domestic equivalent allowance would impact significantly on some six to eight companies in Christchurch who were currently under some pressure. He advised that the companies had made considerable investment in reducing tradewastes. In several instances the companies involved were overseas owned and sensitive to changes in the cost structure of their operations in Christchurch. He made a request for the increased charges to either not be introduced or to be phased in over a longer time period and suggested a six-year period as being appropriate. The opportunity was taken to allow members of the Committee to question the Industry representatives regarding the impact on their individual companies and the likely consequences for their future operations.

The Committee considered the report on the agenda "Additional Charges Under The Trade Waste Bylaw" in conjunction with the deputation. It decided to defer consideration of this item to allow for a further report to be presented to the next meeting of the Committee on the legal obligation of the Council to phase-out the allowance and the impact of a six-year implementation of the increased charges.