

9. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

CHRISTCHURCH BOTANIC GARDENS - PROPOSED BOARD AND ROBERT McDOUGALL ART GALLERY LEASE

Mrs Janet Begg made representations to the Committee on the above topics. Mrs Begg expressed her support for the proposal submitted by the Friends of the Botanic Gardens (as part of their submission on the LTCCP) to establish a Board for the Christchurch Botanic Gardens to provide better governance and stronger protection for the Botanic Gardens.

With regard to the lease of the Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Mrs Begg requested that the Council defer the decision on leasing the gallery to the Canterbury Museum until the Resource Management Act issues had been addressed. Mrs Begg also requested that the lease be issued for a maximum term of 20 years and cover the footprint of the present building.