

## 5. CATHEDRAL SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT: ADDITIONAL BUS SHELTERS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the establishment of a hearing panel to hear objections received under Section 339 of the Local Government Act against the proposed siting of additional bus shelters in Cathedral Square.

At its meeting on 23 September 1998 the Council resolved to lodge the necessary applications for five additional bus shelters in the northwest quadrant and, subject to the granting of the necessary consents, erect those shelters.

Businesses and owners of properties adjacent to the new shelters have been advised under the Local Government Act of the proposed position and appearance of the shelters. The date for lodging objections under the Local Government Act has now passed, and three objections have been received.

An independent Commissioner is expected to decide whether to notify the application under the Resource Management Act by 10 February 1998.

The Council's Legal Services Manager has advised that these matters have to be dealt with separately.

Under the Local Government Act, a panel of Councillors has to be nominated to hear these objections. The Council may also appoint to the panel any person who is not a member of the Council if, in the opinion of the Council, that person has knowledge that

will assist the work of the panel. An early hearing date is important to progress this matter. It is proposed to hold the hearing in early March and report the outcome to the March Council meeting. A copy of the relevant section of the Local Government Act (Section 339) is attached.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee discuss the appointment of a panel of two Councillors (Councillors Buist and Close) assisted by an independent planning consultant to hear any objections received under Section 339 of the Local Government Act.