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The purpose of this report is to respond to the petition presented earlier in this Agenda.

#### BACKGROUND

A request to have a light installed in the Meon Street alleyway was forwarded to Council by the Otakaro/Wainoni Residents' Group in February 1999. This was agreed to and publicised in the March newsletter of the Residents' Group which is delivered to all local homes (*see start work notice and petition from residents, page 27*).

A resident whose property adjoins the alleyway has objected to the installation of the light, unless Council can give positive assurances that the problems caused by local youths congregating in the alleyway will not increase.

There are no statistics available to give such an assurance. The general view is, that lighting an alleyway encourages greater use after dark and therefore less privacy for general nuisance behaviour.

Council has never had to remove a light in an alleyway, once installed, because undesirable behaviour has deteriorated.

The petition has been signed by 75 local residents supporting the installation. The resident objecting to the installation is still unconvinced, after several communications, that matters may improve if a light is installed.

**Recommendation:** That a light be installed in the Meon Street alleyway.

#### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the Board support the installation of a light in the Meon Street alleyway and request an update in six months time.