

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### (a) NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE LIAISON TEAM

Board members will recall that the Board at its meeting on 29 March 2000 considered a letter from the New Zealand Community Board Conference Liaison Team seeking an expression of opinion on whether two subjects should be put forward for discussion at the national Community Board's Conference in Invercargill in the year 2001.

The two subjects for consideration were:

1. The desirability of elected members holding both Councillor and Community Board status at the same time.
2. The issue of elected community board members not being required to live in the area to which they have been elected and whether this was a matter of concern.

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board resolved:

- “1. *That the question of the desirability of elected members holding both Councillor and Community Board status at the same time should be a topic for discussion at the next conference.*
2. *That the issue of elected members being required to live in the area which they have been elected was not a matter of concern to this Board.*”

The following reply has been received from Peter Francis on behalf of the New Zealand Community Board Conference Liaison Team:

*“Thank you for your response to the recent survey conducted by the NZ Community Board Conference Liaison Team in respect to some existing criteria associated with membership of community boards.*

*This response was excellent with 55 community boards communicating their views to the Team. The results of this survey are as follows:*

• <i>Boards supporting one person holding both community board and councillor member status</i>	38%
• <i>Boards who did not support the dual role</i>	40%
• <i>Support for elected members being required to live in the area that they represent</i>	58%
• <i>Boards who felt that was not necessary to live in the area of representation.</i>	20%

*A number of boards felt that this matter should be discussed at Conference, or were pleased to leave the decision to the voters at large.*

*The Liaison Team met in Wellington on June 9th and resolved that these results would be forwarded to the Organising Committee of the National Community Board Conference to be held in Invercargill in May of next year, with the request that they be considered for further discussion at that time.*

*Again, thank you for making the time to respond – your input was greatly appreciated.”*

### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.