3. PETITIONS

3.1 CLOSURE OF EUREKA AND/OR CARISBROOKE STREETS

A petition has been received from residents in the Eureka and Carisbrooke Streets area opposing the closure of these streets at the junction with the Woolston/Burwood expressway. A letter referring the petition reads as follows:

"I, Wayne James, of 14 Warblington Street, hereby enclose a response of the residents to the plans to close Carisbrooke Street to through traffic onto the expressway.

I would also like to draw your attention to the lack of communication to the residents on the plans to close the above street.

The petition should make it clear that communication between the Christchurch City Council and the residents has not been forthcoming.

I have been made aware that the residents of Farnborough Street intend to petition the Christchurch City Council to close this street to through traffic from Carisbrooke Street to Pages Road. This will mean that the other residents in this area will have even further to travel to get to New Brighton and onto the expressway.

I send these petitions with names and addresses, in good faith, that communications can be restored and discussed with all residents and the Christchurch City Council to come to a decisive agreement on the fate of Carisbrooke Street.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter."

The petition contains 66 signatures in total. The prayer of the petition follows:

"We, the undersigned, wish to keep the ends of Carisbrooke and Eureka Streets (the expressway end) open for access to the expressway and to New Brighton by residents of the Aranui community."

Mr James has also submitted a list of residents' signatures indicating whether any information concerning the closure of Eureka and Carisbrooke Streets had been seen in the Christchurch Star or through the post in the last six months. This list contains 55 signatures in total, 54 indicating no information had been seen.

A further petition has been received from residents in the Carisbrooke Street area supporting the closure of the street. The petition contains 36 signatures. The prayer of the petition follows:

"The residents listed below are putting this petition to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the Christchurch City Council for no left turning access to and from Carisbrooke Street.

We know that Carisbrooke Street has been legally closed as advertised in the Press and Christchurch Star. We want Carisbrooke Street closed permanently with no entry or exit."

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the petitions be considered under clause 11.