

# 2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 13 May 2005

I do not wish to make a personal submission at the hearings.

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**Your Submission:**

Two items that could arguably be called Administration jump out at me from the budgeted plan: Supporting Elected Member Decision Making (\$5m) and City Plan Urban Renewal and Area Plans (\$8m, up \$1.7m from the LT Plan).

The former would not stand up to a commercial cost/benefit analysis, especially with Members supposed to be taking a more professional and full-time role since last year's elections. Is the council content that full advantage is being made of electronic knowledge management to keep costs down and productivity up?

The latter bears all of the hallmarks of a historical cost item with incremental adjustment. Is the council content that good value is being achieved for this budget item and how is 'good value' being tested? Would not selected tasks within this activity bear market testing by commercial organisations, reducing both direct and indirect costs?