

2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

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I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings.

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Your Submission: High Voltage Transmission Lines

These are currently being upgraded throughout the region and I would like to see a "Power Corridor" of 200 meters or to a level of 0.002microwatts per square centimeter (whichever is the lower) beneath them which exclude houses and buildings. I believe Transpower may be requesting 25 meters easement for access and safety purposes.

The rest of my submission on HVTL will be emailed with attachemnts.

Power Corridors that exclude houses and buildings beneath Hig Voltage Transmission Lines have been in place for many years in many countries like Australia, America and Hungry. The better limit of 0.002microwatts per square centimeter has also been in place an other countries like Austra.

Cellsites

Cositing of cellsites should be preferable to try and reduce the risks to communities. I would like to see the condition of emmissions being lower than the current New Zealand Safety standard and a precautionary approach taken setting the emission limit to 0.002microwatts per square centimeter.

The plan talks about the well being and research and I would like to see a comprehensive research project on the health and wellbeing of the people living near the Victoria Park cellsite and the Ouruhia Radio Transmitter.

Airport

Due to fog, have you thought about relocating the Christchurch Airport to Amberley? It may be foggy in Christchurch but clear out ther and bus or train passengers, luggage and freight to and from the airport may be feasible. If under the Kyoto protocol pollution is to be reduced in the city and obviously the inversion layer traps the pollution i waould wonder how much of that pollution comes from aircraft and mention that to my knowledge Amberly is above the inversion layer. So relocation of even domestic services may significantly reduce pollution.

Council Offices

Have you looked at the previous King Edwards Barricks site on Cashel street? In the interests of less traffic movement I strongly recommend a decentralisation policy rather than centralising the council.

Traffic congestion

The stall on the northern motorway has been atrocious. Instead of spending millions on consultants and reports which seem to replicate previous reports, the money would have better been spent on getting on with it, and had this happened, the project would never have cost as much as today's estimated costs

Housing developments

I believe ghetto building is the wrong methodology and peper potting is better. I would also like to ask that wildlife is captured and relocated rather than destroying it's habitat and leaving them for dead. Pukekos squashed dead on the side of the road are never a good look.

Housing development should be suitable for the area, family homes built near schools should be preferable to rest homes being built in the area.

In this day and age we are worried about overweight youth yet we are failing to let the bike or walk to school with the current policies.

To this end I would like to propose that schools be asked to have start times after 9am to avoid peek time traffic, you have only to do a traffic count before holidays and compare it with school holiday trafic to see the huge reduction in cars on the road, less congestion and pollution plus a safer environment for our children to get to school, social engineering is important.