

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:

We have attended all the meetings relating to the update of Chilcombe St & Hamilton Ave and agree that it is high time these streets are brought up to a more modern appearance. The power poles are most unsightly - leaning at different angles, and the lighting is not very good and we understand that both are very old and must be due for maintenance and renewal.

As we have been paying rates for a good number of years (we are both retired), we feel that it is the council's responsibility to maintain streets. The council's policy of requiring residents to pay half of the cost of updating would appear to be quite out of line with all the councils in the country. Surely Telecom & Orion - both of whom collect a lot of money for their services - should be approached to assist.

It makes sense to underground services at the time of updating streets rather than have them cut up at a later date. Asking ratepayers to pay half the cost is pretty tough on older residents and we believe that the matter of charging GST on their contribution is also unfair.