

## SUBMISSION ON CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL 2006 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

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I believe my submission is clear and it is thus not important to me to present it in person.

### **Submission commenting on Streets & Transport Section, Pp 72-76.**

The residents of Hamilton Avenue are making a submission regarding the renewal of the street and the under-grounding of power and telephone services. I support that and have contributed to it. **This** submission, however, relates specifically to the headings **Vehicle Ways** and **Social (P.75)**, in the **Streets and Transport Section**.

I submit that the Council's procedures to date aimed at slowing traffic on "through" streets have caused major frustration with residents and have lowered property values. (As just one example, who in their right mind would choose to buy into the slalom course in Hanrahan Street today)?

I submit that resident's satisfaction with streets which have traffic-calming humps, slalom courses and narrowing of exits to a single lane is virtually nil. Yet Council persists in carrying out these procedures at a significant cost to ratepayers. It is ironic that they are called "traffic calming" procedures, when in fact they raise drivers and residents blood pressure greatly.

I submit that the frustration and angst caused to residents of the streets involved is huge. It is not possible to say that such roads are "suitable to the needs of the city", nor that residents "are satisfied they receive value for rates money spent" (P.75).

I understand that the Council's rationale for such devices is to slow traffic down, but I submit that these situations are no different from those of **all other** streets in the city where safety requires that the speed limit be adhered to.

I note on P. 75 of the Draft Plan that - - - "the **enforcement** of traffic rules are managed by the Council." I also understand that the speed measuring trailers that the Council has been trialing around Christchurch have proven effective, and that new versions have the capacity to record photographically as well as measure speeds.

### **Specific action I propose that the Council should take:**

- 1. I propose that the Council determine to stop all future use of traffic calming devices in the City, and that instead they control suburban traffic speed by the use of fixed or mobile speed cameras.**
- 2. Irrespective of whether or not the Council is prepared to accept proposal 1, I propose that traffic calming devices be NOT used in the proposed renewal of Hamilton Avenue.**

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