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### Please tick which applies:

I do NOT wish to make a personal submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered.

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Tuesday 7 June and Friday 10 June 2005.

I wish to record my opposition to the 50% ratepayer cost for underground wiring. As I see it, it is a win-win situation for the council as evidence has shown properties in streets with this facility fetch higher prices than those without so the council receives more in rate revenue yet their maintenance costs are lower - pruning trees from overhead power lines. Safety is also an issue in storms with dangling wires and falling power poles

It seems our council approach is greedier than others in NZ, yet it is us (ratepayers) who appear to be responsible for watering council trees in drought, trimming our own that overhang council land, rake leaves from road/footpath, sweep gutters more frequently (and better) and pay to have the <sup>leaves/rubbish</sup> taken away as many are not compostible. I have accepted this for 80

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years but feel it is unjust to be asked to pay for a utility on top of rates rising above inflation - especially so as many streets have not been asked for a payment. Hamilton Ave which is parallel to and between Memorial Ave and Creyke Rd is no longer a quiet residential street with  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre sections and large gardens but a recognised thoroughfare for connecting with North/South/West highways, the College of Education, University, a diverse range of schools, churches, airport, Technology Park, Sports grounds AND a direct and scenic route to the city. With so many traffic movements many people choose to avoid traffic lights and it is frequently used by tour buses, petrol tankers and Mall suppliers who turn into Clyde or Ilam Roads, away from the lights.

Before costs rise further undergrounding should be done now but I certainly don't wish to commit myself to an unknown amount and is the government willing to pay for the State houses? Are people who have been established in their homes for many years to be forced to disrupt their lives and move, forcing them to disrupt their lives as they can no longer afford to meet council costs? Such would be unethical and grossly unfair.

Although taking a long term view of favouring undergrounding I feel that the points outlined above and the interest shown by residents prove that such a ratepayer input would not be in order.

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