

Submission form

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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. (adopted).
- 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 make a submission with regards to the proposed underground wiring, curbing and channelling of Chilcombe St and Hamilton Ave. I think it is blatantly unfair to suggest that the residences pay 50 per cent towards the cost of the work. I have made enquiries and found that no other council in New Zealand requires the residences to contribute 50 per cent to street wiring and maintenance. We already pay substantial rates in this area and not everyone has the means to finance such a proposal. I feel the profit from the power companies and rates should cover this work adequately. Any extra charges will create real hardship for those on a fixed income. I noted that the power board, as a gesture of goodwill, due to outstanding profits was going to return to the power users a one-off payment, but no payment was granted. Where has that money gone? Whereas some power companies gave back to the consumers a payment of \$1500 each (Hutt Mana Energy Trust, November, 2003). Hamilton Avenue alone contributes a rate bill of more than half a million dollars a year. Why on earth can't some of this money be used and where has the millions of dollars that have been paid into Orion gone to?

Also some streets in Merivale had curbing, channelling and power cabling done at

no cost to the residences in the street eg: Winchester Street. Why not charge Telecom and Orion \$100 per pole per month for the space the take up?