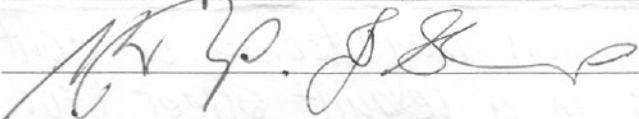


# submission form

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1. We urge the Christchurch City Council to ammend the policy, which requires a 50% contribution from residents towards the cost, before it will underground telephone and power lines as part of a street rebuild.
2. The undergrounding of all utility services throughout the city needs to be high on the Councils objectives. Within new sub-divisions there is already a requirement to place wiring underground, but to achieve this in existing areas Council will need to adopt a policy of funding and laying cables underground during the rebuilding of a street. Unless undergrounding is done in conjunction with rebuilding then it is likely to be over 50 years before the opportunity arises again.

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3. Current policy appears to be discriminatory. Those living along arterial routes have the cost of undergrounding met in full. People in wealthier areas are better able to meet the 50% charge as compared to poorer areas. Longer streets are disadvantaged in comparison to shorter streets in reaching a consensus as to whether or not to make the 50% contribution.
4. Even though Council may decide a contribution from residents in a rebuilt street, (for undergrounding), is required, then we submit that a 50% contribution is too high.
5. A 50% contribution is likely to be beyond the means of the majority of residents unless they were able to spread payments over a long term.
6. We are not aware of any other local body which requires residents to contribute such a high proportion of the cost. We do know of Councils which cover the full cost or require payment of only a small share of the cost.
4. Council should consider raising funds for undergrounding other than rates & resident contribution. For example, a levy on the utilities owing the wires. Orion already makes substantial payments to the council which are applied to general funds. A proportion of these funds could be applied toward undergrounding.

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