

# submission form

To Mr. Alex Newman,  
re Undergrounding of Overhead lines.

## Your Submission

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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.

# ICON

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13 May, 2005.

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We are very concerned to learn of the CCC policy re the rebuilding of streets, particularly in older areas e.g. existing overhead wires are only to be put underground if residents/ratepayers pay half the cost. If they do not, the street will be rebuilt and overhead wires & poles will be left above the ground.

As prices are rising, the cost of the above policy is beyond the reach of most people, many of whom are also having to deal with the rising cost of rates so that the Council can provide its core services e.g. wiring, & street cleaning which is being done very poorly in inner Christchurch.

## Some Questions:

1. Is it true that only the Nelson Council asks for a contribution, and that it is capped at \$1500?
2. What does the CCC do with its income from Orion? Surely this should be used to pay for undergrounding?
3. If undergrounding is not done when the street is being rebuilt, the street will have to be dug up again in the future.
4. GST is included in the ratepayers' share. I understand that the CCC can claim back GST, including the ratepayers' share. Is this true? And if it is true, is it fair?

We feel that the CCC policy is very short-sighted & unfair, particularly when the Council receives so much income from Orion.

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