

2005/06 Annual Plan Submission - Received by Email

Name:	Jeff Long (jeff.long@canterbury.ac.nz)
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Sent:	13-5-05
Your Submission:	<p>Greetings</p> <p>We understand that Council has a policy that if a street is to be "rebuilt" then ratepayers are required to contribute to the costs if the overhead wires are to be undergrounded. If some ratepayers will not, or can not, contribute, the cost increases for all other ratepayers. I guess this will mean that some wiring will not be undergrounded because the cost gets to be too high for those ratepayers who are willing to contribute.</p> <p>As part of the Annual Plan process, our submission is that we oppose this policy. We do agree that ratepayers should make a contribution, but submit this should be capped at such a level that the undergrounding is more likely to go ahead than not. We understand that Nelson has such a policy, with a cap of \$1500. To us, this sounds more than sufficient.</p> <p>We do not wish to be heard in support of this submission, but will be supporting other residents' groups who will no doubt be opposing the Council policy.</p> <p>Jeff Long President Mt Pleasant Community Centre & Ratepayers Assocn McCormacks Bay Road Christchurch.. jeff.long@paradise.net.nz Day 364 2944</p>