

# Submission to Christchurch City Council on Draft Annual Plan, April 2008

## Proposed 24% increase in rent for Council tenants

1. From what I have heard from some people who went to the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> March that the council have increased the rent for council housing to 24%. I do not think it is the best thing to do the people in those housing and I object strongly to an increase of this size.

2. I think that the elderly are not able to pay this as they have only got a small increase of money from Work and Income, and those who don't get money from the Government such as Work and Income then they will not have enough to buy food and other things, like replacing household goods, health, and going to the doctors and paying for the medication the doctors has given to them, buying things that is very important to themselves. Many people do not get much money at all, so look and see what happens to people when you do this big rent increase, **On the Streets.**

Why don't you do the same as Housing New Zealand, see if the person is can afford the rent increase, or not afford it. Speak to the person that is in the Chair. Keep the rents as low as possible as many people are low income people and do not have the money for a hike in rent that you are trying to is not at all to good for everyone.

Keep the increase to 2.5% or go as far as 2% increase and then increase a little every year so that the residents get use to it a little at a time. Remember that we are all people who do not have lots of money and need to budget and will not have a lot of money left to us when you put the rents up.

**Think before you leap into the pot and interrupt the residents with a rent increase in Council Housing. Think of the people of Christchurch as we put you in Parker.**

I urge the council to say **No** to the rent increase and stay at the Draft Annual Plan of rent increase to 2.5% or down to 2% increase.

I do not wish to speak to my submission at the hearing.

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