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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.

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Tuesday 1 June and Friday 11 June 2004.

EXCESS WATER SUPPLY TARGETED RATE

The policy of targeting blocks of 3+ residential units on a single rating unit for excess charges is flawed. It is stated that this targeted rate is a user charge yet because these blocks have only one meter it is not possible to pass on excess charges to the particular users, on a user pay basis.

Further to target only these blocks of the charge is discriminatory. Clearly there are many cases of ownership of single

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or double units in multiple blocks or /
 or any number of single tenancy unit
 prepared owned for rental purposes
 which are ignored under the present
 policy. While the Council may have
 metering problems with single or double
 unit ownership in multiple blocks this
 does not justify putting this category in
 the "too small basket" while targeting
 34 blocks.

While I do not object to the excess
 charges, concept it should be fairly
 administered.

Excess water supply targeted rate

This note is to explain the basis for this Christchurch City Council targeted rate. The targeted rate is a user charge. Its purpose is to recover the cost of supplying extra water to consumers who use more than their daily allowance.

The Council's annual rates assessment says whether a property is potentially liable for excess water charges. The assessment does not show the amount charged. That is because the amount is calculated following readings of the property's water meter(s).

It is generally non-residential ratepayers who are liable for this targeted rate -- Three or more flats on a single Rating Unit, commercial and industrial users and rural properties where there is an element of commercial water use (an example would be a horticultural unit).

Water meter readings are done progressively throughout the year and, after each reading, any excess water charge is calculated. The invoice is for the amount of excess water used during the period up to the latest meter reading. It is worked out using the property's water allowance, for the related period(s), which is calculated on a daily basis.

Where to pay

• By mail to: Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8015

• Eftpos, cheque or cash payments can be made at Council offices:

Civic Offices	163 Tuam St
Linwood Service Centre	180 Smith St
Béckenham Service Centre	66 Colombo St
Shirley Service Centre	36 Marshland Rd
Papanui Service Centre	Corner Restell St and Langdons Rd
Fendalton Service Centre	Corner Clyde and Jeffreys roads
Sockburn Service Centre	149 Main South Rd
Riccarton Service Centre	NZ Post Shop, 103 Riccarton Rd

More information see:

Section 19(2)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 allows for a "scale of charges" Christchurch City Water Related Services Bylaw 2001 This section details the charging procedures formation about the scale and calculation of charges for the Excess Water Supply Targeted rate can be found in the 2004 edition of the CCC's Financial Plan and Programme on pp 177-178. Copies of the plan are available at all Council service centres or online at www.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan/2004/

For any enquiries about this rate, please call 941 8428 or send a fax to 941 8984

