

# Your SUBMISSION

Please deliver your submission to the Civic Offices, or any of the Council service centres, mail it to us, or email it to [cccplan@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:cccplan@ccc.govt.nz) to arrive by Thursday 6 May 2004.

When preparing your submission, please note:

- If you do not use this form, please include your name, address and telephone number on the first page of your submission
- Please clearly state the issue you wish the Council to consider, what specific action you wish the Council to take and why that should be done
- Where possible, refer to the volume and page number of the draft community plan
- If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. You will get 10 minutes to speak. In your submission please say if you wish to speak or not
- The law says we must make all written submissions public. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 6 May, 2004
- From late July to mid-September all submitters will hear from the Council, with news about what was done in relation to their submission
- No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

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Tick which applies:

- I do NOT wish to speak at the hearings
- I wish to speak about the main points in my submission at the hearings from 1-11 June.

As I am sure you are aware, whenever the annual increase in rates exceeds the increase in the cost of living, those citizens, such as pensioners, whose incomes are pegged to the cost of living must pay an increasing proportion of their incomes in rates. From your published forward projections I see that I shall have to pay a greater fraction of my total income on rates every year for the foreseeable future unless I choose to move to a cheaper house or am transferred to a coffin. While it is imperative that the council do not defer or skimp essential infrastructure, I should like to feel that the above is borne in mind when considering enhancement projects, especially those which neither generate income nor yield savings for the council.

I therefore suggest that spending on the flat water facility and any other desirable but inessential projects be deferred until the ocean pipeline and Kate Valley landfill have been paid for. In my personal finances I have always reckoned that one thing I cannot afford is paying interest, except for a mortgage on my house, long since paid off, and I am glad to see that the council is frugal in this regard.