

# Our Community Plan Christchurch O-Tautahi 2004/14 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 6 May 2004

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings.

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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>We wish to object to the rating differential policy in the Draft Community Plan on the grounds that property usage is an unfair discrimination. For example people who can no longer handle the upkeep of horticulture/farming for such reasons as age/health and or financial(property size/productive capacity of soil) not sustaining enough income.</p> <p>You say that water &amp; sewerage services can no longer be used as a reason for being rated rural, &amp; tell us that rural zoned residents do not pay for these in our rates bill, our maintenance bill for these items far outweigh any charges which would be included in rates for residential zoned properties. Rural zoned residents also pay for services such as Animal &amp; Plant Monitoring, Animal &amp; Plant Inspection, Bovine TB Works &amp; Services &amp; Bovine TB Vector control, do residential zoned residents also pay for these?</p> <p>In the press recently we were told that this ruling(rated on land use not on where land is situated) had been in force for some time, we are perplexed to say the least, up until we received a letter from the council we were unaware of this ruling, why were property owners not consulted on this ruling before it was passed? Come on CCC the consultation process has got to be better than this!</p> <p>We would point out that no matter how big or small a property is, if it has a house on it, it is usually used for residing in, therefore the rates must be applied to the location &amp; services available rather than the properties use!!</p>