

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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Your Submission: Re: Change in rating Differential. We submit that the proposed change is wrong. We are not able to access many of the services provided to residential properties by CCC, which we must provide for ourselves. We either do this, or go without. These cost of providing services, such as water, sewerage, drainage, roading, footpaths etc are all used in the setting of current Residential rates. We consider that to remove the current Rural differential which allows for these factors, is wrong. To rate my property on the same basis as an urban residence, would be charging us for services not received, or able to be received. We are interested to know, how you are going to make the determination 'principally used for rural purpose'. Our property is currently used for the quarantine of imported Peony bulbs. This restricts the uses to which the balance can be put. Recently the making and sale of hay has been that use. Two very rural uses we would have thought! We therefore submit that the status quo apply. If the underlying zoning of our property is to be changed, and we are to receive access to all the services available to urban residential properties, then we may review our position. The current Rural differential must remain.