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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.

1. Considerable reference in the Plan to Council relationship with Maori (7% of the population) but nothing with Asian (5% of the population and growing). No reference in the Plan for finance towards solving the anti Asian problem. Personally know of three Asian families who moved to Australia because of the racial abuse they had to put up with in Christchurch.
2. Concerned with the amount of finance allocated to culture and sport, when there are so many roadways and footpaths that need action.

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Following are some of our local problems.

- (a) Resealing footpaths Racecourse Road. Requested for the past five years. Have been sealed as far as Thornhill Place, still waiting for them to be completed through to Elson Road. Latest date promised for completion was April this year. Still waiting.
- (b) Completion of underground wiring to twelve homes in Racecourse Road. Requested for the past eight years. During this period kerbs & channels have been done, footpaths have been resealed, Telstra Saturn underground cables have been installed. At each of these operations we requested the completion of the underground wiring, but no response.
- (c) Vehicles including trucks & trailers are encouraged to use Buchanans and Waterloo Roads, bottleneck with Lowther Street and access on to Main South Road at the Sockburn roundabout. Noted no upgrade on the Plan until years 6-10. Where will the traffic from the new Gilberthorpes Road subdivision go?

2(d) Gutter cleaning.

Buchanans Road is a minor arterial and the gutters are cleaned approx. each six weeks. Recently the long bridges on the south side of Buchanans Road were blocked. The gutter cleaners were contacted and arrived at 10pm to clean the gutters consequently the bridges are still blocked. Grass is growing in the gutters and the gutters are broken in places.

(e) Many complaints of vehicles not stopping at the stop signs on Waterloo Road at the intersection with Racecourse Road. For some reason the islands on Waterloo Road project into Racecourse Road, which obviously is the one of the reasons for the problem.

(3) City traffic problems.

Either the Council take steps to solve the increase in private motor vehicles in the City or continue to spend more ratepayer money on more roading. Council needs to be proactive in finding other alternatives of public transport to get private vehicles off the streets. If large cities like London, Singapore and Washington can solve the problem, then surely Christchurch can. The argument will be that we don't have the public transport infrastructure to do anything effective to solve the

problem. As long as we use this argument we will not make any progress. We can spend \$11,000,000 plus on the Belenheim Road deviation and \$11,000,000 on a water sports venue, but we are not prepared to use the money to get private motor vehicles off the streets.

(4). What does the statement "between 60% and 80% of the residents are satisfied" mean in the Plan.