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After reading about the amount of money being spent by the Council, it is obvious that the Council has to bring in user pays, especially to help the ratepayers on low or fixed incomes. I and other elderly ratepayers cannot afford to use the amenities they are forced to pay for, examples are Town Hall, Westpac.

I do not or cannot afford to use the following: Town Hall, Westpac, QEII, Pioneer, Convention Centre swimming pools, libraries, Art Gallery, etc. I know of other ratepayers also do not use them. How many of these amenities pay for themselves or make a profit?

The ratepayers should not be forced to pay for a flat water facility. If there are thousands of people wanting to use the facility do it themselves. Clearwater should have to pay its own way, not rely on the

rate payers to help out.

The Sister Cities should be abolished, they are of no gain to the rate-payers, and just give someone from the Council the excuse to go on a junket. Also I say it is discrimination, why not "brother" cities?

One of your Outcomes is that "our people are free from crime, violence, abuse and injury," then you say "reduce crime". I and others I know never go into the central city because it is not safe.

The Bachel Street upgrade should be paid for by the business people there, not rate payers.

Also the cost could end up the same as the Square disaster, and cost much more than the stated cost.

I do not wish to attend a hearing, as I do not go into the central city.

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