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Submission to:

Our Community Plan Christchurch Otautahi
Christchurch City Council

Christchurch 8003

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Re the proposed Change in Rating Differential Policy.

We submit that the proposed differential rating scheme under which the determining factor for rating is the use of the property is unjust and indefensible.

Rates have traditionally been struck according to zoning, not land use.

We take it that the difference between rural and residential rates (92 cents per \$1000 capital value) is charged for a reason, presumably for the provision of the extra services and amenities available in urban zones only.

Along with the fact that these rural-zoned holdings cannot be subdivided for residential purposes we feel it is unreasonable in the extreme to place residential rate demands on these properties.



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