

Submission to the Christchurch City Council long term Community Planning Process from Mary McGiven onzm 36 Heaton Street Merivale Christchurch 1.

i note in the essential projects, the Christchurch Art Gallery needs an air conditioning upgrade costing \$0.2 million I am amazed that in the planning of this facility that air conditioning should have been a priority and something like this upgrade should not have been necessary.

I am pleased to see that expansion of the Christchurch Waste Treatment Plant is going ahead

In talking with many people I am concerned that the closing of libraries should not go ahead

Those libraries are important meeting places for people, especially now petrol prices are so high and many people can walk to these facilities.

I would like to see the City Scene Publication reduced to four times a year. Saving at least 88,000.

By doing this, the mobile library could be saved .I think the Council will need to consider the fuel crisis and keep this facility going. It enables people to walk to get their books and usually the Mobile Library bus is near a supermarket which enable people to get their books at the same time as their food items

Being involved with many community groups and seeing the pressure they are under financially, is a real concern to me. I heard at one of the community meetings that the Council is going to reduce if not dispense with grant monies. I find this strategy not at all sound unless you have already a comprehensive community development plan all ready in place. Many community groups need this money to function and the thought expressed at the meeting, I was at, was mentioned by council staff these community groups would function any way.

The new bus exchange is essential. My concern is where was the in depth planning before the bus exchange was built in the first place. Where did everyone expect the buses to go trying to get from the exchange to Columbo Street. I think before another bus exchange is built planning needs to look at placing it one whole block from the city centre.