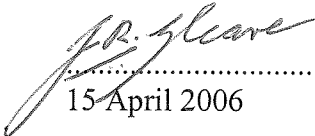


Submission on Our Community Plan 2006.

Introduction

1. I do NOT wish to present my submission, and ask that this written submission be considered.
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General Comments

I would like to commend the Council for the work it does in maintaining and improving our city. While no ratepayer likes paying increased rates it appears inevitable to enable this work to continue at a reasonable standard.

Proposal to reduce spending etc. (p.86 of full version).

1. Rationalisation of community libraries.

Hardly rationalisation but a reduction in services. I wish to support all those who have signed petitions and made submissions against the closing of community libraries. My particular concern is the Spreydon Library situated at Barrington between the park and the mall. This library is within walking distance for many (especially elderly) people and the number of flats for the elderly in the vicinity is increasing all the time. These people, like me, walk to the mall and can visit the library at the same time. When I lived in Barrington Street I observed school children walking in groups to the library. The nearest other library is the South and to get there from Barrington requires one to change buses. This is not very convenient. While the city library could be visited without changing buses this would not suit me.

From my calculations if the three community were to continue in operation this would increase the rates by about \$20 per annum on a property valued at \$200,000. This would be a lot less than the bus fares to another library. I, like many people I have spoken to, would rather pay increased rates than have the Spreydon Library closed.

2. Water Supply

In the proposal to increase revenue (p.87) no mention is made of charging for water while p. 163 mentions education aiming at reducing water consumption. In the summary (p.20) it is stated that the aim is to get the consumption of water down to 306 litres for domestic users. I

stated that the aim is to get the consumption of water down to 306 litres for domestic users. I understand that all properties (except possibly in the former Banks Peninsula District) have water meters installed which are read annually so why not impose a charge for usage over 306 litres? This would meet both the aims of reducing demand and increasing revenue.

While older flats only have one meter per block these properties are unlikely to have large gardens, swimming pools or a large number of cars to wash and therefore their usage is unlikely to exceed the aimed consumption. If a block of flats was exceeding the total for the number of flats in the block then consideration could be given to installing separate meters.