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LIBRARY CLOSURES. Summary Plan P.8.

I object to the proposed closure of several suburban libraries and in particular, the inclusion of Bishopdale library in this list. This library was opened in Sept. 1976 and has been a well used community asset for about 30 years.

This library is crucial for the Bishopdale/Burnside community. It provides a source of information and recreation for local schools, pre schools, the elderly, the new migrants, families and like community groups.

It is ideally situated at Bishopdale Community Centre/Bishopdale Mall. The site has ample, easy parking for library users who can also combine shopping trips with library visits. A distinct advantage in these days of ever rising petrol prices.

Those libraries not included in proposed closures, all have some distance for Burnside/Bishopdale residents to travel.

The much vaunted new library at Upper Riccarton is a) some distance away, b) many elderly drivers would not be comfortable driving there because of the high volume of traffic using Main South Rd.

Papanui, although nearer, is not a viable option, the parking/traffic problem is even more chaotic. Parklands+Beckenham are not options, being too distant from our area.

The small amount of savings suggested is ludicrous when weighed against depriving a wide community of the well used asset which we have.

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