



My submission re Our Community Plan 2006 to 16.

Page 6. Our future direction. Population Growth.

We are never asked what this should be. The Government is the same. Do we just grow with no thought to the infrastructure?

400 new arrivals each month was quoted in the newspaper. This is too many to keep up demands on our facilities. i.e. water, healthcare, electricity, roading, prisons schools, housing, etc.

Community outcomes. If, as you say Christchurch residents have identified these as important to our wellbeing what is going to happen to our health system? It is obvious our population is growing too fast to keep up with demands on our health workers.

We do not live in a city free from crime. Almost every day there are attacks on citizens or cars and homes are burglarized.

Christchurch is known to have the most drug addicts and prostitutes living here plus the City of STI's.

Christchurch has more households on fixed incomes than elsewhere so rates must be kept at the level of inflation.

Page 4. Proposed major projects and proposals.

- ? New bus exchange costs.*
- ? tree renewal costs*
- ? the need for new leisure centers at \$12.5m*
- ? the botanic garden costs \$11.1.*
- ? City Mall costs \$10.3m*

You cannot keep spending our money to induce us to shop in the city when we have access to shops near us with easy parking and less cost in petrol. All the Council appears to think of is the tourist - please keep us, the ratepayers in mind too.

Page 7. Governance - A well governed city

I do not feel you manage our funds responsibly. A few instances, Converge, Flora N.z. speech lessons for councillors etc. Your current events budget includes items amounting to \$2,264,075.00. It is obvious to us it is very easy to spend others monies without Considering costs. (The Press, March 13, 2006). Money given to the Clearwater Golf Classic should never have been approved either – private enterprise should do this.

Page 8. Council's proposals to save money on its services.

DO NOT CLOSE OUR SWIMMING POOLS AND LIBRARIES.

You say you want literate, fit and healthy citizens. Keep the pools so families or youngsters have easy access to them. Costs of Maintaining a family car will govern our lives more so these facilities must be within easy distances. I REPEAT – DO NOT CLOSE THE POOLS OR LIBRARIES.

Page 15. Recreation and Leisure

What will it cost? \$49.7m over three years seems excessive.

I feel too much of our money is being spent on delivering and supporting events and festivals, by hosting sporting events, by supporting sports bidding and hosting.

Please cut down on these expenses.

CHARGING PERSONS TO VISIT OUR ART GALLERY AND MUSEUMS.

This has been discussed before but I bring it to your attention once again in the hope it could raise some revenue in this user-charge era. It is very easy to print a card for ratepayers which may be used to visit these buildings. All others without cards can be charged as is done in other galleries and museums overseas.

Please put it on your agenda.

Thankyou all for reading my submission and only hope it may help you to consider any changes that you make.

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P.S. Do not sell our port to the Chinese.