

Summary submission form

Instructions

You may send us your submission...

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: we are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Our Community Plan
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8003

By email

Please email your submission to:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at:

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>

Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on the draft Our Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR
 I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent? N.A.

My submission refers to: Full version Page No. Summary version Page No.

Do you also want to respond to: Development Contributions Aquatic Facilities Other

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26 FERNBROOK PLACE
CHRISTCHURCH
26-4-2006

SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED CITY PLAN AND RATE INCREASES

I AM NOT GOING TO PICK APART YOUR PLAN PIECE BY PIECE. I DO NOT HAVE THE TIME OR MONEY TO PRESENT MY SUBMISSION MATERIAL IN THE MANNER OF YOUR PLAN OR ITS COLOURFUL SHORT VERSION.

I HAVE NO PERSONAL OR POLITICAL AGENDA.

MY SUBMISSION IS VERY SIMPLE.

THE HARD PART REQUIRES THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL TO WORK TOGETHER FOR ALL ITS RATEPAYERS. PERSONAL AND/OR POLITICAL AGENDAS MUST BE PUT ASIDE.

MY SUBMISSION IS THAT YOU MUST NOW: —

STOP.

LOOK.

LISTEN.

THEN, ONCE THE PATH FORWARD IS OBVIOUS AND CLEAR: — MOVE.

STOP: PUT THIS PRESENT PROPOSED PLAN ON HOLD.

LOOK: AT ALL SUBMISSIONS. ALSO AT YOUR OWN PLAN & COSTINGS.

LISTEN: TO WHAT CONCERNED RATEPAYERS ARE SAYING.

MOVE: ONLY AFTER YOU HAVE REASSESSED YOUR PRIORITIES.

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PROVIDING YOU ARE NOT JUST "GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS" AND GIVING LIP SERVICE TO YOUR CONCERNED RATE-PAYERS THEN AFTER GENUINELY CONSIDERING ALL SUBMISSIONS THE COUNCIL SHOULD:-

- (A) OBTAIN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LAST YEARS CCC INCOME.
- (B) OBTAIN THE ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION FOR THAT YEAR.
- (C) ADD THE TWO TOGETHER AND THIS IS YOUR 2006 BUDGET.
- (D) Re-CONFIRM WHAT THE FUNCTIONS OF A CITY COUNCIL ARE.
- (E) THEN, PRIORITISE YOUR PROPOSED WORK.
- (F) THEN, COST OUT YOUR PROPOSALS.
- (G) THEN AND ONLY THEN, PUT UP YOUR PLAN FOR THE PEOPLE OF CHRISTCHURCH TO COMMENT ON.
- (H) IF, AFTER STEP (F) ABOVE, IF YOU HAVE A SURPLUS OF MONEY YOU CAN LOOK AT YOUR WISH LIST AND PRIORITISE THOSE ITEMS.

YOUR PROSED 25% RATE INCREASE IS RIDICULOUS

IT APPEARS TO ME THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS ALL RATEPAYERS AS "CASH COWS" AND/OR RATHER THICK. WE ARE NEITHER. "SLOW TO CATCH ON" - MAYBE.

WE DO NOT HAVE MONEY TREES AND THE COUNCIL MUST STOP SEEING US AS THEIR ~~MONEY~~ TREE.

WE HAVE TO WORK WITHIN A SET BUDGET - SO SHOULD THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL.

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THE COUNCIL MUST REMIND ITSELF THAT IS ELECTED TO LOOK AFTER THE BASIC NEEDS OF ALL ITS RATEPAYERS. CHRISTCHURCH CITY IS ONLY A SMALL CITY WHICH HAS AN EVEN SMALLER NUMBER OF RATEPAYERS. PLEASE - DON'T FORGET THAT FACT.

THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT HAVE PLANS THAT ARE 20-30yrs AHEAD OF ~~THEIR~~ TIMES. THAT IS, NOT UNTIL ITS BUDGET CAN AFFORD IT.

COUNCILS SHOULD NOT GIVE PREFERENCE TO: -

- (1) TOURISTS.
- (2) PRESSURE GROUPS.
- (3) BUSINESSES.

INSTEAD IT SHOULD GO BACK TO BASICS AND USE MY SUGGESTED FORMULA FOR WORKING TO A RESTRICTED BUDGET.

IS THIS SUBMISSION HEADING FOR THE RUBBISH BIN ALONG WITH ANY OTHERS THAT CHALLENGE THE COUNCILS PROPOSED SPENDING & RATE INCREASE?

OR: ARE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO ACCEPT ANY CHALLENGE?

ONLY TIME WILL TELL.

R. M. Loader
26-4-06