

LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

Name:	Richard Butler [richardbutler@xtra.co.nz]
CC:	
Sent:	Sat 1/04/2006 14:43
Your Submission:	<p>My initial reaction to the plan</p> <p>I commend the CCC on their future direction, vision & aims. We have a good City to live in, but there are some challenges for us all as a community. Please send me the full details report for further analysis.</p> <p>However, my initial reactions are:</p> <p>1. It's unaffordable: An average rates increase of 8.55% paid out of our nett income(equates to 10.50%+ gross) for next 3 years. There are very few individuals & businesses achieving that level of income / pay / profit increase. For fixed income families such as those in retirement it is simply unaffordable. With NZ economic forecasted recession & downturn, people simply cannot afford this level. Council must live within their means of the people paying - simple economics!</p> <p>2. There's less services: The closure of Libraries and Pools was a bad way to impose a big rates increase. I use the bishopdale library and now the CCC are saying that all those in the North-West of the city go to Papanui for their nearest library. Simply not good enough, as this NW area has had considerable growth in new housing and population in recent years. For those unable to travel, then the mobile service is going. We must look after the most venerable.</p> <p>3. Capital projects : Yes CCC have to maintain infrastructure on existing buildings & services, such as water treatment. However it seems to me that another bus exchange for \$59M is too high a cost, if it's needed at all.</p> <p>4. Management of our funds: CCC are a major employer of some 2200 with spend of \$360M then there is need for good quality managers. Reports of the management structure issues such as \$1million on recruitment & redundancy costs reflects a very wasteful area. This would have paid for the library service costs that we are now losing. From Press reports, it is difficult to put faith in their recommendations. The current team are simply not performing well enough within their budgets, and an independent review should be made of performances. Get your own house in order before coming to the community for more! We need a year of restraint by CCC before embarking on major expenditures.</p> <p>5. Overdue CCC fees The amount of CCC income overdue more than 3 months or already written off is a good guideline on performance. What's overdue for Rates, Library & Parking fines & the Costs of administration?</p> <p>I wish to review more details when I receive your report & reply.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Richard Butler 125 Reynolds Ave, Bishopdale. 8005 352-4443</p>

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Name:	Richard Butler [richardbutler@xtra.co.nz]
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Your Submission:	<p>Where is the vision for the beach esplanade?</p> <p>General view:</p> <p>After more detailed review of your plan, there does not appear to be any plan for the revitalisation and upgrading of New Brighton, beach facilities and the esplanade.</p> <p>There is a lovely expansive sandy beach, pier and library but the foreshore area has long been neglected and is an eyesore to the city, whereas other places abroad with such a magnificent vista would have made it into an area promoted for locals and visitors to enjoy.</p> <p>Christchurch has gems with the glorious gardens, port hills and foot hills. The beach compliments these which would make Christchurch so unique of having all these within a short distance from the city centre.</p> <p>As a community we must aim to see a vast change in this area within the next 10 years. This area is a must-not see in your proposals.</p> <p>Suggestions to CCC :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have a strategy of improving the esplanade and Brighton as the next major City growth & improvement scheme.2. Plan for new housing developments, replacing derelict areas. This includes having new low cost apartments and ownership flats.3. Do not allow further encroachments of development on the Port Hills.4. No more new Mall developments such as Tower Junction & Northwood, but encourage retail developers into Brighton beach developments.5. Encourage new low-level Hotel, Motel and retirement home complexes to the beach area.6. Plan gradual replacement of sand dunes with landscaping of the esplanade with sea defences.7. Upgrade kiddies play areas, and have walkways and cycle tracks all along the esplanade. <p>In a nutshell, vastly upgrade this treasure that CCC have on our doorstep! There are very few councils that would have neglected their beach area as we have, just a few Kms from the City Centre.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Richard Butler, 125 Reynolds Ave, Bishopdale 352-4443</p>
Your Submission 2:	<p>Thank you for the Annual Reports 2005/ 2004 which I have reviewed. I can return them to your office if required.</p> <p>They have dispelled any feeling that CCC are Financially mismanaged.</p> <p>My concern, however, is the percentage increase planned for the next 3 years - around 3 times over the current rate of cost of living / inflation.</p>

**Your Submission 2
(Cont'd):**

I attach a simple spreadsheet taken from your plan and compared to the actuals past 2 years.

I feel that there are 4 areas that are well outside of the trend of past years and need further analysis, and hopefully some reduction of nett cost to the ratepayers.

I would like to see the burden to all ratepayers be within inflation rate and some capital expenditure deferred or reduced project expenditure.

We are proud to live here, but we must live within our means with economic growth to support the city schemes.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit this proposal.

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CCC Planned expenditure

Comparisons to last 2 years

Service Delivery Activities

Page 67 of Annual 05 report. Page 67 of Annual 05 report.

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Area	Actual 2004	Actual 2005	Planned 2006	% Increase over 2005	% Increase over 2004	Comments	Revise By Saving
			\$MILLION	%			
City Developments	9.0	10.6	13.0	22.64%	44.44%	Excessive increase	1.5
Community Support Inc Recreation & Leisure	31.0	32.4	35.2	8.64%	13.55%	OK	
Cultural & Learning(In Library, Art Gallery	31.1	35.8	38.3	6.98%	23.15%	OK	
Democracy & Governance	9.0	9.0	12.1	34.44%	34.44%	Excessive increase	2.0
Economic Development	10.4	11.2	10.2	-8.93%	-1.92%	OK	
Parks, Open Spaces& Waterways	27.1	26.2	23.5	-10.31%	-13.28%	OK	
Recreation & Leisure (Included in Community Support)							
refuse & disposal	2.5	-2.4	10.9	354.17%	336.00%	Excessive increase	5.0
Regulatory Services	3.3	4.5	7.4	64.44%	124.24%	Excessive increase	1.0
Streets & Transport	54.3	28.2	23.8	-15.60%	-56.17%	OK	
Wastewater & treatment	16.8	17.9	21.3	18.99%	26.79%	OK	
Water Supply	9.7	11.1	11.8	6.31%	21.65%	OK	
TOTALS	204.2	184.5	207.5	12.47%	1.62%		9.5
Page 58 of Annual 04 report. - Why difference?	197.3						
Suggested Saving			9.5				
Revised Totals			198.0	7.32%			