

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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Your Submission:

I want the council to abandon its policy of urban intensification and policy of encouraging more people to live in the central city. In the city we have too many large blocks of multi level flats and apartments. Many were poorly designed and looked ugly from new. They create too much shadow. In years to come if they are not properly maintained they will be eyesores and maybe ghetto type dwellings. The more population that is crammed into an area the more confined people are by rules and regulations and the more people are removed from a state of living that can be called natural. Already we have families being raised in small flats with no reasonable outside area to relax in and maybe do some gardening. And it not safe to send young children to parks on their own to play. As we get more density of population we are relying more and more on the food we eat to come from unnatural sources. There seems to be an attitude that the only way forward is more population and increased growth. There is only so much in resources to cope with continued growth. Already we are placing demands on our water supplies that are close to the limits available. In the Woolston area recently the water being taken from bores had to be restricted because of seawater pollution. Electricity is also becoming prohibitively expensive.

I think the council should be warning people that we cannot continue to have population growth and the council should be lobbying central government to promote the same warning.

Why do we need Christchurch to get bigger? In the 1950's and 1960's there was a population drift from the South Island to the North Island and the South Island did not collapse. I think it would be a good idea to promote the stabilisation or reduction of population in Christchurch. Money could then be saved by not having to build more roads, bigger bus terminals, increase the bus fleet, council housing, increased waste water plants, bigger airport

facilities, etc.