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The Christchurch City Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Personal Submission by Grant Common to the CCC Long Term Community Plan for 2009-2019

I am extremely concerned that the Charteris Bay Water and Wastewater Scheme, which I understood was scheduled to be completed in 2010, does not now appear in the CCC's Long Term Community Plan for 2010-2019.

This represents a complete backtracking on commitments made at a political level and which were fundamental, in my view, to residents voting in favour of the amalgamation of this area into the Christchurch City Council.

How can such commitments be made, dates then given, and then suddenly the plan just disappear off the CCC's workplan?

Charteris Bay, in the 21st century, is no longer a remote holiday location. It is developing into a satellite community area and being only 30 minutes from Cathedral Square it is simply unacceptable for the CCC to expect it, and the Christchurch ratepayers who live there, to continue to exist with the current water and sewage system.

Even though I have two 5000 gallon water tanks on my property during the summer months we need to be extremely careful with the use of water; this means that washing of clothes has to be regulated and other water consumption carefully monitored. The time for this to happen is well gone!

There are paving and other improvements that I have delayed making to my property in the expectation that the new water and sewage was about to take place which would involve some new access points etc. Now these are on hold indefinitely because the 2010 promise appears to have been betrayed.

If the Council is serious about providing a superior living environment for its citizens how can it continue to deliver 1950-type basic services to this area? The Council must listen to its ratepayers and confirm that the upgrading of the Charteris Bay water and sewage system will be completed – as promised – in 2010.

Yours faithfully

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