

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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For yourself

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**Your Submission:**

1. Urban sprawl is why no one is interested in living and hence shopping in the CBD. I think we have a lot to gain in terms of sustainability if the CBD is lived in but why CCC encourage people to do it and then steer them away from it is a mystery. You should have maintained the green belt and should now limit the amount of land that can be developed and divided. Once it becomes more of a commodity building will have to go up "vertically". Growth of population and business is obviously counter sustainable in any context but this would limit the problems of growth if we actually want it at all.

2. Less engagement in community based work would be helpful to increasing community spirit and involvement from the people. Strong communities are built out of one group of people needing another and the council's attempts to engineer this natural process makes the need smaller and desire to do something less. Why would you talk to your neighbour about that noisy dog when you have noise controls to call? Why would help an old lady cross the road when you can submit the need for a pedestrian crossing to the council. The depreciations after world wars 1 & 2 are reflected on as times when community was strongest. I'm only 34 so have had to listen to people to learn this one rather than being stuck in the past.

3. Don't build a civil defence centre when ECAN already has. I know you guys don't get on but build a bridge already. The people are sick of paying both parties to act like children over who does what.

4. Put the bus exchange has destroyed the traffic flow through the city. Put it over by Hoyts 8 and run buses in from there. I work in Sydenham Industrial area minutes from the center and you don't see any busy because there is only two stops! everyone drives and parking is a mess. Although you saw it fit to start work to change Kent street (where I work) to have less parks even though everyone sent in submissions to the contrary. The bus exchange was a stuff up. If you have to fix it don't put it in the same area. It needs room to grow.

5.. Investing in businesses are not part of a councils job and undermine the democratic and independant nature of council activities. I want you stay out of private business ventures.

Summary

Essentially I like the fact that your rate increases are under control but I think you could strive to do less still. core infrastructure is priority. Giving Chch an identity is not the same as letting Chch simply have one naturally.