

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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**Your Submission:** Water Supply.

The Council has made noises about Christchurch being short of domestic water in the future, and has talked about charging home- owners for their water usage.

However instead of talking about charging householders for their domestic water the Council should be encouraging conservation and better use of water. eg-

- 1) Installation of rainwater tanks- to save water for gardens and lawns-there are tanks available now which fit under eaves are multicoloured and blend in with the house. (They are not the round gray galvanised tanks they used to be)
- 2) Encourage the use of "grey" water for garden and lawn watering.
- 3) Encourage the use of soak pits to take storm water of buildings were it is not practicle to install rainwater tanks. This will reduce tha amount of water going into our storm water system and relieve the pressure there as well as recharging our shallow aquifers(Queensland used to give a \$5,000 subsidy to homeowners who did the above)

It is the use of a carrot - not a stick to promote better water usage.

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