

Christchurch City Council

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Submission to Draft Annual Plan

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Subject Water –

A subject that brings immediate attention and — certainly causes the greatest reaction when it stops running, Christchurch is blessed — in most places — with very good water sources, and the management of this vital resource by the CCC's engineers and staff has, I believe, been very good and adequate.

However two essential factors must be considered — one is, that is impossible for this Council to guarantee 100%, that all its supply sources will remain uncontaminated, and adequate, into the future. The second factor is far more assured and that is; you can guarantee 100%, that the demand side of the water equation will inevitably increase.

There is the potential for better management of water as we must answer the simple question — does it make any sense at all, to supply drinking quality water for watering the garden and washing the car — or even perhaps flushing the toilet?. There are many smart ways that rain water can be utilised. But some leadership is needed.

Every 100lts of rain water utilised is 100lts. less that has to be supplied by the reticulated system, and just about as important is that about 100lts. less has to be put through the stormwater system. A 'win, win' result.

I wish to be heard on this submission when I will present more information.

The thrust of this submission was put to Ecan during their Draft Community Plan hearings As Ecan has contracted the management of the cities water to this Council it was suggested that I make a submission to you.

Yours sincerely

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