

2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 21 April 2008

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 12 May 2008 and Wednesday 14 May 2008.

Are you completing this submission:

For yourself

If you are representing, how many people do you represent?

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Your Submission:

I wish to submit on two issues flagged in the draft annual plan and related to changes to the LTCCP. I don't know which to reference and would be pleased to take guidance.

issue 1

Community support:

Changes in rents for housing rental stock.

Action requested:

Suspend any increase in the rents with a view to reviewing the basis for any future adjustment to the rent.

Reason:

These are social good housing and should not be viewed as an income source per se by the Council.

Issue 2

Waste Minimalization:

Introduction of a compulsory three bin system and in particular the charge to households to compulsorily purchase a green waste bin.

Action:

To suspend the enactment of this policy with a view to reviewing the structure of the strategy. I submit that a voluntary bin system, with purchase of the bins being the alternative to residents dealing with their own waste onsite.

Rationale:

In the long run, onsite composting of green waste is more economical, sustainable and better for the environment where this is at all possible, as a default position. The third bin is an imposition imposed on residents who are attempting to model this behaviour and hence a punishing disincentive to truly make Christchurch a model sustainable city