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2006 Draft Annual Plan

I would like to see Rates increased restricted to the annual CPI or lower. At the moment those on fixed incomes are shouldering an unfair proportion of rates income whilst wealthier folk are proportionately paying less. How fair is this? Also please immediately rescind G.S.T levies on rates as completely unsupportable and a form of double taxation.

Personally I am very doubtful about council involvement in any form of Economic Development. Is it necessary? Are there better providers for these services in Private sector otherwise? At the least I would like CCC to reduce expenditure in this area by 50% p.a. & re-examine their philosophy of involvement in the field of Economic Development.

I would also like Christchurch C.C. to implement a programme of zero population growth so people can only move to Christchurch when corresponding numbers move away or die. Similarly a cap on car numbers and on new bedrooms (in dwellings) would be the most sensible way of achieving sustainability goals. If more people want to live in Christchurch then why not expand Rolleston, or Rangiora or Epsom, or build an entirely new centre. We're not short of room. There's no law that says Christchurch has to continue growing. Maybe this is the optimum size.

Submissions close on Friday 13 May 2005