

Cashmere Park Trust
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20 April 2004

Asset Manager Water & Wastewater
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
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ATTENTION: Bruce Henderson

Dear Sir

Re: Increase in Water Charges For Non-Residential Properties

Thank you for your letter of 16 April 2004 concerning the Cashmere Park Trust property at 200 Cashmere Road and 126 Sparks Road regarding increased charges.

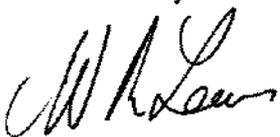
I dispute that it costs 38c per cubic metre to deliver water to a rural property in the quantity that would exceed the pre-paid non-refundable water volume. The infrastructure required is in place for the pre-paid non-refundable water volume. The cost of providing additional water over and above this is essentially the cost of pumping only.

I would therefore propose that the 38c/cubic litre be set for the water allowance calculation and the excess water charge for non-residential properties be set at the pumping cost, which should be about 13c/cubic metre.

If the Council does not accept this then I will need to investigate the installation of a well for the requirements for the Trust to save costs. It is probable other rural landowners will come to a similar conclusion, which over time could lead to a proliferation of wells with an increased small risk to the aquifers that the City Council depends on. This may not be in the interests of the Water and Wastewater department of the City Council.

Please regard this as a submission on the Draft Community Plan. I would like to present this submission in person.

Yours faithfully



Warren R. Lewis
Trustee Cashmere Park Trust

Lewis Family Trust No. 2
PO Box 13-282
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ATTENTION: Bruce Henderson

Dear Sir

Re: Increase in Water Charges For Non-Residential Properties

Thank you for your letter of 16 April 2004 concerning the Lewis Family Trust No. 2 property at 319 Worsleys Road regarding increased changes.

I dispute that it costs 38c per cubic metre to deliver water to a rural property in the quantity that would exceed the pre-paid non-refundable water volume. The infrastructure required is in place for the pre-paid non-refundable water volume. The cost of providing additional water over and above this is essentially the cost of pumping only.

What also hasn't been taken into consideration for all properties in Worsleys Spur is that the present users have already contributed to the infrastructure costs and that each additional user will have to contribute \$3,161.94 per lot. This means that the Council are reimbursed for the Capital Costs of the supply up Worsleys Road and therefore the only cost to the Council is pumping costs. Depreciation costs of the asset should not be a charge on those who provided or who have yet to provide the cost of the asset.

I would therefore propose that the 38c/cubic metre be reduced to 13c/cubic metre for all those non-residential properties up Worsleys Road for the excess water charge.

Please regard this as a submission on the Draft Community Plan. I would like to present this submission in person.

Yours faithfully



Warren R. Lewis
Manager – Lewis Family Trust No. 2