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The Asset Manager Water & Wastewater Christchurch City Council PO Box 237 Christchurch Att. Bruce Henderson

Ref. WS - 003 - 002 - 3

Dear Sir,

## Re Propose Increase in Water Rates.

We must protest strongly about a 15% increase in water charges. It seems in the last few years businesses have been an easy target to increase income for local and central government. It also seems that rather than the CCC looking more closely at its spending and operating costs it is far easier to increase charges.

A 15% increase in 3 years or 5% per year is more than double the inflation rate.

Yours Faithfully

Alan Roberts

Managing Director