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Consultation on 2005 Draft Plan, Christchurch City Council, P.O.Box 237, Christchurch

Consultation on Christchurch City Council 2005 Draft Community Plan.

We wish to make a submission regarding the above community plan with reference to the proposed change to rating differential.

We are not at all happy with the proposal to amend the rating of our property as our property does not receive many of the services supplied to homes within the built up area of Christchurch.

1/ We store and pump sewerage to the city main, at quite considerable cost of installation and maintenance.

2/ As our street is a private one, we (not the CCC) supplied and maintain the road and lighting.

3/ We PAY for city supplied low pressure water. This is piped and stored on our property and then pumped into our home. All additional costs over a city dwelling.

4/ There is no city Storm water system here. This we had to install at some considerable cost.

Added to this we have :

- Rural mail delivery
- No right to subdivide the land to 1000 sqm consistent with a residential determination
- · A requirement to maintain the "green belt" concept of this rural property

Clearly we are not receiving 'residential' rate levels of service from the city.

Please do not increase our rates without offering more service. I would be happy to negotiate improved service in return for increased rates

We would like the opportunity to make our submissions at any hearing on the matter.

Yours Faithfully

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