Summary submission form

Instructions

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: we are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission...

By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Our Community Plan
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8003

By email

Please email your submission to: ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at: http://www.ccc.govt.nz
Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

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Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on the draft Our Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

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Submission to the Community plan 2006

I am Part Maori and a Rate payer for the last 54 years. Mother of 4 Ratepayers and a grandmother of 9, all over the age of 15.

I PRESENT MY SUBMISSION.

COUNCIL BUDGET: - PRODUCE A BALANCE SHEET THAT THE AVERAGE PERSON CAN COMPREHEND - TOO MANY SUBSIDERIES AND INTERNAL SMALL BUSINESSES WITHIN THE COUNCIL UMBRELLA HAVING THEIR UNNECESSARY MANAGERS AND HIGHY PAID PEN PUSHERS. MONEY TO BE SPENT ON MAINTAINING EXISTING ASSETTS. A COMPLETE REVAMP OF ALL EXISTING AND NEW STAFF CONTRACTS STARTING AT THE TOP AND ELIMINATE ALL "GOLDEN HAND SHAKES". SALERIES WERE AND STILL ARE VERY GENEROUS.

<u>CITY DEVELOPEMENT</u>:- Maintenance of existing assets (including City Chambers) should be on the long term planning and forget grandiose ideas already in the planning structure with excessive overruns forecast.. The city centre will not be rejuvenated while the outlying suburbs receive expansion permissions. We do not need the **imported overseas consultants** to re vamp our city. Cleanliness, safety, maintenance of existing assets with Free or cheaper parking should be considered before money spent on architectural improvements. **Send consultants back to country of origin**.

The excessive unnecessary glass architecture of the Art Gallery by overseas architects is a classic example. We have had (and still have) highly qualified New Zealanders and because of your insistence to ignore their talents quite a few have quit these shores.

ROADING AND TRAFFIC problems are not solved by highly paid imported consultants sitting in warm cosy offices scrutineering currant maps of the city and telling us they know what should be done because it has worked on the other side of the world.

Narrowing of street entrances continue to cause congestion at peek times and roundabout plantings too high .causing problems (Wilsons Rd /Opawa road is bad)

Street works including "Living Streets" with plantings should be stopped till those already in place can be maintained satisfactorily within the city budget..

Opawa Rd/ Garlands Rd plot has had rubbish still on it since last October

Money set aside for the Tunnel roundabout WHY?? More traffic is using Linwood Ave now.

ECAN:- NO ASSETT TO THE CITY This disorganised organisation are forever at loggerheads with the CCC. And are only a money making group who should be disbanded and their out of date "Clean Green and Fresh Air" lobby situation given a more positive voice within the CCC.

<u>DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCED:</u> NO PARTY POLITICS TO BE INVOLVED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. I submit that more accountability be forthcoming from the GEO, Mayor and councillors down to the workforce. Salary boost for Councillors straight after the election and the top level redecoration of Chambers when a new venue was also on the agenda was not on. Ratepayers not consulted in open forum on large (and small) projects. To many meetings held behind closed doors - come advertised then Dr Turk has them closed. WHY?? Apart from one councillor and

the Mayor I wouldn't know any of the councillors if I fell over them. COUNCIL SEEMS TO BE LEANING TOWARDS DEVELOPERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS WHIMS. THOSE WHO DO NOT RESIDE IN AREAS WHERE DECISSIONS ARE MADE. Is there a financial gain somewhere in the equation .

<u>CULTURAL AND LEARNING</u>:-A <u>COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THE TAMIKI / FREEYMEAD DEBARCLE AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY OF MONEY ALREADY</u>

GRANTED Keep libraries, Swimming baths and sport venues in the community. Cultural activities including Marae's and Arts and Crafts be user pays. I am part Maori and a self supporting craft person. In mid 1960's the Woolston baths were repaired and extensive maintenance done with funds raised by the local residents and buisineses at a large fair in the Woolston Park. Council have not kept up this

maintenance since hence the closing of a much used asset.

<u>WASTE WATER AND SEWERAGE</u>:- Ocean outfall to be a 10 year wonder and then what. 150 million litres daily now drawn from the aqua filters only to be discharged into the sea without the promised treatment to drinkable standard. I request further investigation on this and open to public forum before any more money squandered. The continuation of the water supply and out fall will jeopardise our health situation which we are told we are fortunate to have in this city - (No thanks to the council)

SERVICES. The more our valuation rises the higher our rates become and the less services we are receiving. Street sweeping once in the last 9 months. A lad (intellectually handicapped) sweeps the gutters here - do you pay him? Still only 26 rubbish bags thanks to the former councillor (O'Rourke) now employed within the council structure. No available green waste collection.

I cant cope with green waste so I fill a rubbish bag and put at the gate. Trees in two streets in Beckenham to be removed because it costs too much to maintain the clean up service according to staff but not according to those higher up. Noxious weed reports fall on deaf ears - Is there staff available??

Private residents are being forbidden to cut down trees which are causing problems to neighbours and clean up situation without applying for resource consent. Another money making gimmick.

<u>COUNCIL HOUSING</u> Income testing not carried out - same situation (in at least one case) that is applying to Housing NZ houses with those receiving good incomes are in Cheap council flats.

REDUCTION IN WASTE More subdivisions = more waste. No rubbish containers in Children's play areas is only making untidy areas and more work for your staff (if and when they get around to it) The Strip and City Mall was a disgrace last time I was in town. No better now I hear. Street bins in shopping areas not cleared often enough. Rubbish blowing around the area. LOOK TO BETTER RUBBISH COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE COLLECTION. Listen to the householders with families regards this move, not those in apartments..

<u>BUS EXCHANGE</u> Said right from the start it was a disaster. Railway station would and should have been the Bus Exchange. Peek traffic + Bus traffic + Irate patrons with buses not stopping or running late for connecting services is not on.. This happens more often than not. Look at Wellingtons public transport system. A 10 min trip by car and park in free mall car parks will be my choice rather than a 40 min bus trip to town.. Not enough buses pass the hospital.

NEW RAILWAY STATION is a disaster - Too far from hotels and motels and NO BUS SERVICE in the area. Too far out to run an outlying commuter service. Who was the "Bright Spark" who worked on this planning and now you are making another blunder with the Blenheim Rd deviation - What is taking place of the bridge over the railway line - will it be lights and barriers to slow up the traffic at peek times..

Because of this inconvenience I have not been further in than South City, Sydenham and Eastgate during the last 4 years.

I NOW SHOP IN THE SUBURBS - I feel safer in this environment and being slightly disabled parking is my first consideration .

With only 14 months to the next election I look forward to a change for the better.

- 1. The Mayor Councillors and entire council staff to be accountable
- 2. No Further increase in Rates
- 3. No Grandiose ideas from the upper offices without Public involvement.
- 4. Use local expertise in the planning of our city.
- 5. Look to an alternative rubbish situation as used overseas. No land fill
- 6. All planning to be by open forum not closed doors There should be nothing to hide .

REMEMBER IT IS THE PEOPLE OF CHRISTCHURCH WHO ARE PAYING YOUR WAGES - SALERIES AND ASSOCIATED TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.

Mrs B. Anderson