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Dear Gary Moore and Dr Lesley McTurk,

Regarding the City Scene, Christchurch publication of April 2006 :

Page 4. The total cost of running the council for the 2006/07 year is stated as \$360.1 million. Operating revenue is \$183.7 million plus rates required \$202.9 million equals \$386.6 million giving a surplus of \$26.5 million more than required. Why is this? And why was the difference not explained? Are we looking at a total cost of running the Council for the 2006/07 year or some kind of a Clayton's cost? There similar differences in the figures for the years 2007/08 and 2008/09.

Page 3. Discretionary priority projects. City Mall renovation : \$10.3 million, financed through a special targeted rate. Compare that with Page 4. City Mall renovation costing \$10.3 million [to be partly financed through a targeted rate]. Which is it to be? Fully financed by targeted rate or partly financed by a targeted rate?

Page 3. I note that consideration was given to a library at Halswell, cost \$8.15 million. I hope that the council will not proceed with this as it considers the prospect of closing the Redwood, Bishopdale and Spreydon libraries and discontinuing the mobile library. If the Redwood, Bishopdale and Spreydon libraries and the mobile library are unaffordable then we certainly cannot afford another library.

In all the Long Term Council Community Plan no mention is made about limiting population growth or reducing the population. New Zealand is having difficulty getting adequate water and electricity supplies without any more population growth. I think that the council should be starting to give publicity to limiting population growth .

In the next issue of City Scene, Christchurch will you please give an explanation of the first two points that I have raised above? I think the public of Christchurch deserve this. You may publish my letter if you wish.



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