

Summary submission form

Instructions

You may send us your submission...

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.

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.

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.

Tick one ☒ I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR
☐ I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission: ☒ For yourself ☐ On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

My submission refers to: ☐ Full version ☐ Page No. ☒ Summary version ☐ Page No.

Do you also want to respond to: ☐ Development Contributions ☐ Aquatic Facilities ☐ Other

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1) My main concern with the proposed rate rise is that with more astute forward planning over the past five years and with an extra 1% added to the rates in each of those years, ratepayers would not be faced with the increases this year. As there is already another predicted 2% increase in rates in 2008/09 why not maintain the 8.55% rate for 2007/08 to cushion the increase in 2008/09. It would also mean that of the planned payments for 2008/09 could be brought forward to 2007/08.

2) Page 14. Essential projects.
New bus exchange. Environment Canterbury Longterm Community plan states under policy making and planning for year 2006/07 "No work with the C.C.C. to develop options for expansion of the bus exchange" It would be assumed from this statement that no final option had been decided upon. Yet the C.C.C. are planning to spend \$59.5 million on a new exchange.

3) I strongly object to ratepayers facing a cost of \$4.3 million to fit out new civic offices, when they have just finished paying for a upgrade of the current ones.

4) Page 8 Saving on services
a. Libraries. I object to the closing of libraries for a saving of \$530,000 out of a budget of \$360 million. Schools and other organisations are encouraging

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children to read more and there are many shut in people who rely on the library service. I believe that providing libraries is one of the Council's core responsibilities

b) Closing of swimming pools. Where does the council think the families will swim when they close the Yempton and Sockburn swimming pools for a saving of \$260,000. I don't accept the decision to spend \$11.6 million on Jellie Park and \$8.5 million for a new pool in the northern area. Jellie Park is nearer to the people in the northern area than to the people who use the Yempton and Sockburn pools. I believe that a considerable number of the people who use the Yempton or Sockburn pools are from the ^{lower} social economic group and would not travel to either Jellie Park or Pioneer pools.

c) Page 9. City development.

Spending \$10.3 million on the City Hall will not attract people back to the city. Why should they, when the suburbs have all the facilities and variety of shops available to them, without the parking problems. The only way to attract people, is to develop housing within the four avenues, which also has the advantage of decreasing urban spread!

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⑥ Page 16. Refuse minimisation and disposal.
The council need to be proactive and encourage all ratepayers, including retail, wholesale and industrial groups to make sure that less waste is sent to the landfill. Has the council considered incentives as a means of lowering the amount of waste.

⑦ Page 20. Water supply.
I would recommend that the council consider allocating a quantity of water to domestic and commercial concerns per year and set a charge for water used over the allocation.