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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to make a submission to the Community Plan but unfortunately do not have any information on the current Draft.

I only know of this from friends, some of whom have received a newspaper outlining some of the draft proposals. Although I also am a ratepayer, I have not received any information whatsoever.

However I do have a copy of the "rates setting and rates policies " of the 2004/14 CCC Plan.

In order to clarify the legal position in regards to the **Urban farm postponement** provisions in the Rating Powers Act 1988 the financial policies statement in the new LTCCP should clearly state that the **postponement policy** for urban farm land continues.

The present LTCCP only refers to postponement for financial hardship, and although the transitional provisions clearly state that urban farm postponements continue to apply (until a change of circumstance) there has been confusion over the past year on the legal interpretation of this.

I therefore submit that the mandatory requirement that **Urban farm postponement** be included in the **Rates Postponement Policy** of the LTCCP.

This will not only clarify the situation for everyone, including Council staff who have had to interpret the changing Act, but will comply with the provisions of the Acts, and reflect the reduced demands of services by the urban farm in a residential zone.

Yours faithfully,



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