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From: Hill Frank

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Subject: Long Term Plan - Submission

Hello

Please refer to attached Submission on the Long Term Plan

Regards
Frank Hill

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Rate Increase in General

The overall proposed rate increases are too high and generally should be in line with the Consumer Price Index. There should be greater use of targeted and user pay rates. Since the Bazley dictatorship has been in place there has been a move to increase Urban rates at a greater rate than Rural charges. As examples, last year changes were made so that resource consent administration costs became a general rate instead of a charge to the consent holder. This year it looks like that Christchurch City Ratepayers are being charged for Wallaby control in South Canterbury. These practices are not acceptable and need to cease – more user pays.

Changes in Governance

2016 is not soon enough for a change in governance. The current Dictatorship is a shameful disgrace, has ignored the wishes of the communities and has essentially acted in a way to pollute the Canterbury waterways as quickly as it can and leave the environmental problems for someone else to clean up in the future. They are arrogant, overpaid, unrepresentative of the demographics in the region (mostly elderly, white, males) and they should do us all a favour by resigning immediately. There should be no dictator pay increases this year – noting that on average they increased by 10% in 2014.

The sooner ECAN is returned to a fully democratically elected council the better.

Better Water Management

Cleaning up our water ways should be the major focus noting that the Dictatorship has been focusing on polluting them as quickly as possible.

It is ridiculous that we have now got to the point where we are paying for consultants to come from the USA to advise on recharging aquifers. Consent holders who have drained aquifers dry should bear the cost to reinstate them. It would be much better if this hadn't been allowed to occur in the first place.

"Encouraging" farmers to restrict nutrient discharges and have farm environmental plans will achieve no improvement in water management. Industries in the past have been left to regulate themselves with major failures and significant costs to rate and tax payers - ie the building industry and leaky homes, the mining industry and Pike River, etc, etc. Farmers in the Selwyn / Waihora and Waimakairiri zones are only just above 50% compliance with their current consents. There needs to be strong regulation put in place in relation to Dairying backed up by strong enforcement – not the wet bus ticket approach favoured by the Dictators.

Natural Habitats

As a Christchurch City resident I am not paying for monitoring (or any cost) of Wallaby control in South Canterbury. I strongly oppose this being included as a general rate.

Public and Land Transport

The most recent round of buses changes in Christchurch have been a complete failure and have led to people making greater use of cars and clogging the roads. There was not enough consultation and too much focus on meeting accounting targets and ratios. The cancellation of the Metrostar bus service which was used by around 70,000 people monthly was absurd. The 100 service that replaced it does not travel the same route; the frequency has been reduced by at least 50% and it's such a failure my secondary school aged children have stopped using it.

The Metrostar bus service route should be fully reinstated and full review of the last years changes carried out as soon as possible.

Setting the Rules

In 2014 there was a 50% increase in major noncompliance by farmers in relation to their consents, yet there were no prosecutions. Breaches of consent condition especially where they impact on water quality should be strictly enforced. Wet bus tickets are of no use.