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Subject: Long Term Plan

Hello John

I am sending this email to you as the rate payer representative on ECAN for rate payers in the Selwyn District and if I have this wrong, can you let me know who the correct representative is please?

I have read through the summary information on the Long Term Plan that was received in the mail yesterday. I was somewhat alarmed by the impact of the proposed plan on rates for 2018/2019 (and future years) in the Lincoln Urban area as depicted in the one example given on page 18. The example given stated rates would increase from \$271.07 (2017/2018) to \$338.00 (proposed 2018/2019). An increase of \$66.93 or 24.69%.

This is an alarming rise in rates and there has been little commentary about it thus far.

I asked ECAN for an explanation for the substantive increase and have been informed that the majority of the increase relates to a shift in the allocation of costs relating to Passenger Transport. Currently the fixed rate for Passenger Transport in Lincoln is \$65.75 and through a

change in the policy on apportionment of costs of running the service (in totality) there is going to be an 88% increase in the fixed rate to \$123.75 for 2018/2019.

Whilst I support having a bus service from Lincoln into Christchurch (and have used it on a couple of occasions) I do not see the service in Lincoln compares with the breadth of the service available to people living in Christchurch itself and can not see the fairness and equity in the quantum of the proposed charge on ratepayers in Lincoln (and probably the broader Selwyn District if the fixed rate applies across the District).

It would seem to me that the base for meeting the cost shortfall of providing the total service has been widened to incorporate rate payers in the Selwyn District. I believe the service should be on a "User pays" basis and if there are uneconomic routes then alternative solutions should be investigated or services terminated.

I would appreciate you raising my concerns about the magnitude of the increase in rates in your discussions and deliberations on the LTP.

Thank you.

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