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Please give each council member a copy of this letter.

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Consultation Doc

The doubling of bureaucratic responsibilities of regional NZ does, & has not worked. Two masters demanding rates, two masters making individual decisions. The system is ridiculously expensive. Return to governance of the people to the people.

In spite of the many fine words written for what is purported to be a consultation, many citizens, including me are disillusioned and almost despairing over the decline in our environment. The Council has had many years to "enable growth in a way that enhances our quality of life & does not compromise environmental sustainability".

Water: Fail. Declining quality. Suspicious granting of applications to take water from our aquifers by overseas investors (and bottle in plastic!) with no gain to NZ.

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Land Fail. Housing taking arable land previously providing food locally, adding food miles to production & supply. If the Council is indeed working to the legislation & policies they are not right. The document states it has 'the desire to bring about change to halt the decline of our fresh water management & restore the natural character of degraded indigenous habitats & eco systems'. With all the professionals employed by the Council why & how does so little progress occur. There are a lot of words about leadership on p 5.

Transport Fail. Hub model - fail. Why not smaller more flexible buses, I see many almost empty buses traversing the city. E Gov chairs the Regional Committee, doesn't that offer greater opportunity for resolution of the ongoing fiasco.

Air Quality. Pass from the info provided this is one area in which good progress has been made.

My last point is to urge the Council to demand

the government withdraw from its take over of what should be at least as one all others, elected by the people. It is iniquitous that this has been allowed to continue for so long. Let the region make its own decisions and be responsible for its own mistakes.

All my 85 years have been lived in Christchurch. I have been proud of its culture, its topography, its much vaunted water supply - which is why I have written this rather than conform to the very wordy consultation document. If we are to persist with this flawed model of governance you must do much better.

I remain

yours sincerely
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