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SUBMISSION ON RATE
INCREASES

FOR JENNY HUGHES

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SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

I AM RETIRED, AGED 69. I HAVE LIVED & WORKED IN CHRISTCHURCH FOR MOST OF MY LIFE.

HOPEFULLY I HAVE CONTRIBUTED SOMETHING TO THE CITY & ITS INHABITANTS OVER THAT TIME.

I CERTAINLY HAVE IN TERMS OF THE QUANTUM OF MY RATES PAYMENTS.

NOW I DREAD THE 3 MONTH CYCLE WHEN I HAVE TO FIND MONEY TO PAY MY RATES.

I SEEM TO LURCH (FINANCIALLY) FROM ONE RATE INSTALLMENT TO THE NEXT. IT IS A REAL "WORRY" TO ME.

AS A CONSEQUENCE I DO NOT WANT ECANZ OR THE C.C.C. TO INCREASE THEIR RATE TAKE, PERHAPS AN INCREASE IN LINE WITH INFLATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE - BUT NO MORE!!

THIS IS ALSO THE OPINION OF MOST OF MY FRIENDS WHO ARE IN A SIMILAR POSITION.

BECAUSE I CANNOT AFFORD MY RATES
 I WILL HAVE TO SELL MY FAMILY PROPERTY
 WHICH I HAVE OWNED SINCE 1982. THIS
 WILL OCCUR IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AS I
 RUN OUT OF CAPITAL. I DREAD THAT DAY!!
PERHAPS I CAN? COULD SAVE SOME MONEY BY

- REDUCING STAFF LEVELS OR AT LEAST HOLDING THEM AT THE SAME LEVEL.
- BECOMING MORE EFFICIENT.
- NOT INCREASING STAFF PAY - AFTER ALL MOST EMPLOYEES HAVE A JOB FOR A LIFE WITH LITTLE OR NO RESPONSIBILITY.
- REDUCING SIGNAGE ON WORK VEHICLES - YOU DO NOT NEED TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS.
- NO ELECTRIC VEHICLES - THEY ARE GROSSLY EXPENSIVE TO PURCHASE + HAVE A LIMITED LIFE SPAN - & WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE BATTERIES WHEN THEY ARE SPENT?!). NOT AT ALL GREEN.
- NO WORK JUNKETS PAID FOR BY THE RATEPAYERS

WHAT WE PAY IN RATES IS OUR HARD EARNED
 MONEY. IT SHOULD BE SPENT WITH CARE &
 WISELY. YOU ARE ONLY THE CUSTODIANS OF
 THIS MONEY & YOU SHOULD TREAT IT WITH THE
 RESPECT EACH DOLLAR OF RATEPAYER MONEY
 DESERVES.

THE COUNCIL & ECANZ ARE ONE OF THE FEW
 ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN DECIDE ON THEIR
 BUDGET & THEN INCREASE THE RATE TAKE TO
 COVER IT. WOULDN'T LIFE BE GREAT IF WE
 COULD ALL DO THAT.

NO MORE RATE INCREASES PLEASE

THANK YOU

J. A. FRENCH

9/4/21

P.S I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE
 RATE INCREASES LIMITED BY LEGISLATION AS THEY
 HAVE DONE IN THE U.K.