



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of an
Extraordinary Meeting of the
Invercargill City Council
to be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor
Civic Administration Building,
101 Esk Street, Invercargill
On Monday 10 April 2017 at 9.00 am**

His Worship the Mayor Mr T R Shadbolt JP
Cr D J Ludlow (Deputy Mayor)
Cr R L Abbott
Cr R R Amundsen
Cr A J Arnold
Cr K F Arnold
Cr T M Biddle
Cr A H Crackett
Cr I L Esler
Cr G D Lewis
Cr I R Pottinger
Cr L F Soper
Cr L S Thomas

RICHARD KING
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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TO: EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL
FROM: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES
MEETING DATE: MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017

SUBMISSIONS TO 2017/18 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

Report Prepared by: Melissa Short – Manager, Strategy and Policy

SUMMARY

Submissions to the Draft Annual Plan need to be heard, considered and decisions made before the adoption of the 2017/18 Annual Plan.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the submissions (*Appendix 2*) be received and considered by Council.

IMPLICATIONS

1.	<i>Has this been provided for in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan?</i> This process will help to form the 2017/18 Annual Plan.
2.	<i>Is a budget amendment required?</i> No.
3.	<i>Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance?</i> No.
4.	<i>Implications in terms of other Council Strategic Documents or Council Policy?</i> No.
5.	<i>Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?</i> Yes. This process has been thorough and utilised a variety of mediums to better understand the views of affected or interested persons, no further consultation is needed at this time.
6.	<i>Has the Child, Youth and Family Friendly Policy been considered?</i> Yes.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2017/18 ANNUAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The 2017/18 Annual Plan Consultation Document was publicly notified for submissions on 20 February 2017 with the closing date for submissions being 22 March 2017.

Submissions to the Annual Plan Consultation Document need to be heard, considered and decisions made before the adoption of the 2017/18 Annual Plan in June 2017.

Consultation

The Consultation and Annual Plan submission period was advertised in the February Noticeboard and also on Council's Facebook page and website. The Consultation Document was available on the Invercargill City Council website and in Council locations. Staff used the consultation caravan at the following locations to discuss the Annual Plan Consultation Document:

Locations of Caravan

- Wachner Place
- Feldwick Gates at Queens Park
- Glengarry Shopping Centre
- Windsor New World
- Pak n Save
- South Alive Night Markets
- Bluff Town Centre

Staff also advertised through Council's Facebook page posting several reminders and information about submission opportunities. In addition to these methods Council offered the option of making an official submission online through the use of survey monkey.

Submissions

There have been 43 submissions received, 10 of these submissions were received online. Submissions have been summarised and collated for consideration (***Appendix 2***).

There are 19 submitters that have requested to be heard in support of their submission. A timetable, based on an allocation of 10 minutes per submitter, has been developed (***Appendix 1***).

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2017/18 ANNUAL PLAN – HEARING SUBMISSIONS

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SM10	Rochelle Surendran	10.30	197
017	Angus McKay, C/- Emergency Management Southland	10.40	88
018	Federated Farmers of New Zealand – David Cooper	10.50	90
011	May and Russell Evans, C/- Bush Haven Native Bird Rehabilitation	11.00	68
022	Barry Smith, Otatara Landcare Group	11.10	110
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025	Mrs Chris Henderson	11.30	131
026	Mary O'Brien, CCS Disability Action	11.40	134
029	Mark Dunlop	11.50	152
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SUMMARY OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR 2017/18 ANNUAL PLAN

No.	Name	Submission	Staff Comment
001	Yvonne Johnstone	Objects to the rise in City rates, it is too significant for those on the pension.	Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.
002	A M Smith	Objects to the rise in City rates. Focus on the core services rather than upgrading City Centre.	Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.
003	Margaret Whitford	Council should be paying for town expenses, not extras. Objects to the re-development of Esk Street as it has done nothing to neither fill the shops nor encourage tourism. Objects to the rates increase.	Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.
004	Albie Ford	<p>Submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – supports option 1 • Events – supports option 2 • Festive Lights – supports option 2 • Invercargill Development – supports option 3 and notes that they agree in theory but require a breakdown of the \$500,000 as it would go a long way in construction. • Pools – supports option 1 and notes that it could be funded through entry fees. States that if there has been more attendance that expected then there should be a surplus to match this, over the last few years. • Solid Waste – supports option 1 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>The \$500,000 is being proposed to assist in funding further development of individual business cases for projects. The \$500,000 has not yet been allocated to the individual projects.</p> <p>Visitor numbers have exceeded to the point where more changing rooms are required, however the numbers are insufficient on their own to independently service a loan.</p>

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		<p>The submitter further stated that there is no provision for cyclists when upgrading intersections or installing cycle lanes. Further, that there is incorrect installation of tactile pavers throughout the City.</p>	<p>We consider our cyclists when we review intersection layouts and when on our cycling network. Good examples are the Queens Drive works. We have a well-developed cycling network but recognise that we need to review this in light of the cycling strategy.</p> <p>We also recognise that some of the historical tactile pavers may have not been installed absolutely correctly but as we work around the city on footpaths we are correcting these.</p>
005	Eileen Hughes	<p>Objects to the rates rise this year – submits that her daughter in Auckland pays less rates for her property that has a GV of more than three times her Invercargill property. For people receiving the pension, they have a fixed income so are unable to budget for rates rise and even with a rates rebate there is still a significant difference in what they pay versus what is repaid.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.</p>
006	Anonymous	<p>The submitter has only commented on the Pools, and elected support of Option 1.</p> <p>They noted that the disabled changing rooms should be moved with a toilet in each, as having special needs is difficult enough and not having toilet facilities is very frustrating.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>It is recognised that at times there are not enough change rooms for disabled users. Whilst there is currently only one toilet available in these change rooms it is also recognised that at times it may not be enough.</p> <p>Options will be looked at in the design of the new change rooms.</p>
007	Anonymous	<p>The submitter has only commented on the Pools, and elected support of Option 1.</p> <p>They noted that there should be more disabled changing rooms with a toilet in each (at least six</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>It is recognised that at times there are not enough change rooms for disabled users. Whilst there is currently only one</p>

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		<p>available). As there is only one it is very difficult as she cannot take her son into the ladies and she cannot go into the mens toilet.</p>	<p>toilet available in these change rooms it is also recognised that at times it may not be enough.</p> <p>Options will be looked at in the design of the new change rooms.</p>
<p>008</p>	<p>Brian Nicholson</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; to increase the stopbank to current standards to protect the road, airport and Otatara. The sooner this work is done, the better. • Events – Option 1; increase the funding for events in the City to help groups and organisations to be able to apply for grants from the fund. • Festive Lights – Option 2; Christmas time only so there is no impact on rates. • Invercargill Development – Option 2; allocate the funding to investigate and to progress projects to reinvigorate the City, to keep bringing more tourists to the city and to keep people (locals) supporting the City. • Pools – Option 1; if the work is really needed then do it, especially the wheelchair ramps for disabled people as it is urgently required and should have been done at the start (of the initial build). • Solid Waste – option 2; increase by 10 tonne offset with increased disposal expenditure/lower volumes going through the Transfer Station. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>The wheelchair ramp into the facility will be completely redesigned and rebuilt as part of the Changing room project.</p>

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<p>009</p>	<p>Ann Boyles</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; better to upgrade the stopbank now than go through another 1980's style flood. • Events – Option 2; event organisers ought to be accountable for their costs and not rely on Council to fund them. • Festive Lights – Option 2; this is not being accountable for expenditure. • Invercargill Development – Option 2; reservations about the costs mentioned. Would like to keep the community and ratepayers updated with the developments and would prefer that the Council upgrades infrastructure first. Submits that Council should complete the library and pool upgrade before starting on another project. • Pools – Option 1; most needed as they are overcrowded particularly when schools visit. • Solid Waste – Option 1; reduce rubbish even more and make Invercargill a large plastic supermarket bag free zone. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 encourages councils to consider the 'waste hierarchy' when managing and minimising waste i.e. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover and Treat/Dispose.</p> <p>Reducing plastic bag usage would be in alignment with the 'Waste hierarchy'.</p> <p>It is noted that plastic bags can be recycled in Southland, through the Council's recycling services (yellow bin and drop-off centre)</p>
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		<p>The submitter has further stated that the CBD can at times be dirty, grimy and positively embarrassing to take visitors around. There needs to be more landscaping and encourage the landlords to paint the frontages of empty buildings or knock them down so new buildings can go up.</p> <p>Submitter states that Council should lobby the Government for greater rebates to match the increase in rates as a lot of homeowners are older and on fixed incomes.</p> <p>The submitter further states that the Councillors should consult with the community and communicate the progress on projects and discuss what is happening.</p>	<p>Landscaping improvements will be considered as future plans are considered by Council.</p> <p>Council is working closely with our contractor on the regular cleaning works they undertake, but would appreciate if specific areas could be highlighted where we have not met expectations.</p> <p>The Council is currently in the process of formulating an approach in respect of Heritage in the CBD.</p> <p>Council is currently working to develop an Engagement Strategy that will assist in ensuring that all members of the public who wish to be communicated with are getting the information in a meaningful manner.</p>
<p>010</p>	<p>Max Skerrett</p>	<p>Submits concern with the continuing rise in the real operating cost of the Council. Queries what the costs are that apply just to local authorities?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>The inflationary cost that is used by Council in its budgeting is developed by an independent organisation (BERL). Changes in the consumer price index (CPI) are used as the basis for measuring the inflation faced by households. It gives a picture of how the prices of the goods and services purchased by the typical New Zealand household are changing over time. It is therefore heavily represented by food, accommodation and transport costs, which collectively make up over 50% of the index. The Council, however, purchases a different mix of goods and services. Council's "basket" is dominated by changes in the Local Government cost adjustors such as labour costs, land and materials associated with assets. There is therefore a difference between changes in CPI and Council's cost.</p>

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		<p>Questions what is costing all of the extra money? Offers the reason being staff expansion. From the ICC Annual Reports, staff have increased from 391 in 2012 to 453 in 2015.</p>	<p>Operational Expenditure has increased in the 2017/18 plan but this has been offset by operational revenue increasing by a similar amount. This is a result of Council seeking out other forms of income in an effort to secure additional income to reduce the burden on the ratepayer. This will also help futureproof Council total income.</p> <p>The major reason for the increased cost is the money being spent on advanced capital renewal and improvement programmes. These capital programmes mainly relate to Water Supply and Drainage and is additional spending of about \$2.5 million, which is equal to a rate increase of 5%. Other capital costs have been reduced to bring the overall rates increase to 4.7%.</p>
<p>011</p>	<p>Bush Haven Native Bird Rehabilitation Trust, C/- May and Russell Evans</p>	<p>Submitter expresses appreciation for the \$1,000 received the past 2 years and submits that they could not operate without these funds.</p> <p>Submitter outlines the work undertaken in caring for native birds and the success rate.</p> <p>Submitter outlines the work being undertaken with local Iwi.</p> <p>Request that \$2,000 be granted to enable Bush Haven to not apply annually.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>The \$1,000 has previously been provided through the Resource Management budget. This is not currently included in the budget, if Council wish to continue to support Bush Haven, allowance will need to be included in the budget.</p>

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		<p>Request that Council consider rates relief on the property to enable the work to continue.</p>	<p>Each application for Rates Remission is considered by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in line with Council's policy. Staff suggest that the submitter makes an application. A rates remission information pack will be sent to the submitter to assist.</p>
		<p>Request that Council erect more "Caution Kereru" signs as submits these have played a part in preventing road deaths. Notes that these were declined last year and suggests that the following locations be given consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oreti Road, halfway round the curve before Black Road coming of Dunns Road • Otatara Road before the Stop Sign at Dunns Road. 	<p>These signs are not a subsidised or approved "standard" sign and therefore require Council to pay full cost of the work. The signs, although erected on the road, do not have a specific safety benefit to road users. If Council wishes to allocate a budget then this signage could be erected.</p>
<p>012</p>	<p>Stephen Luscombe – Transport Southland</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; Need new life at Stead Street – make it more people friendly and less cars. • Events – Option 1; Invercargill needs more events, Council should attempt to get more events from the big cities. • Festive Lights – Option 3; Lights need to be put in South City and Windsor also. Brighten up the cold months. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Options to erect festive lights within other areas of the community would need specific consideration. Lighting could be on the road sides but if lighting across the road was desired, much more detailed engineering is required. There are limitations as to what decorations can be secured safely to the existing light poles.</p> <p>The cost of installing lighting in other areas has several elements beyond purchasing as the storing, erecting and maintaining of the lights would also need accurate estimation.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invercargill Development – Option 2; need to get the shops full again and tidy up the CBD. Need to get more people from the big cities. • Pools – Option 1; Submits that Invercargill should have two pools. • Solid Waste – option 2; Further submits that Invercargill should have a green waste bin. <p>Further submits that we need a new bus company to run the city buses, should be 7 days per week. Run small mini buses like what is done in Christchurch. Also should investigate bus routes to Airport, Otatara and to Industrial areas. Should be a public bus from Bluff.</p>	<p>Decorations were erected in Bluff and this would need to be considered by Council for consistency.</p> <p>Whilst not in the immediate planning cycle, long term consideration is being given to the need for future proofing Invercargill's Aquatic facilities.</p> <p>Council currently provides greenwaste (garden waste) disposal services at the Invercargill and Bluff Transfer Stations, and through WasteNet Southland initiatives encourages households to compost where practicable. Staff are aware of two commercial waste companies that offer kerbside garden waste services to Invercargill residents (Southern Transport, All Waste Solutions).</p> <p>Council is about to undertake a route review which will look at options for the future. The current contract was publicly tendered and awarded in 2012.</p> <p>There are specific requirements to attract NZTA assistance and this will be factored in the review.</p> <p>The Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) will be consulted on later this year. This is another opportunity to input into what services are considered and how these are run.</p> <p>Operating a large number of additional runs would require significant additional funding from rates as currently those runs are unlikely to be subsidised.</p> <p>If a service was tourism driven, then it would be expected</p>
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		<p>Submits that the Airport needs to get Jetstar down here.</p> <p>Submits that we need to get the tram service back.</p> <p>Submits that we need a bus service to cover the Catlins, Orepuki, Tuatapere, Otautau, Te Anau. Submits that it is difficult to get out of Invercargill.</p>	<p>that such a service would have a business case which supported any investment.</p> <p>This is a commercial decision that is totally in Jet Star's hands so neither the Council nor Invercargill Airport Limited has any influence on this.</p> <p>This suggestion would need significant financial input and may not be viable. Invercargill does not have congestion or demand for a service.</p> <p>The routes requested could be submitted for the Regional Public Transport Plan which establishes which services are delivered for Southland. This would also need the other Southland councils to support any submission.</p>
<p>013</p>	<p>Southland District Health Board</p>	<p>Submitter commends Council for its focus on improving the health and wellbeing of its citizens through the consultation document. The proactive approach in improving the tidal flooding protection provided by the Stead Street stopbank in advance of the predicted sea-level rise, and the proposed improvements at the pool in response to increased use across age ranges by people engaging in physical activity for fun and fitness are clear examples of a health in all policies (HiAP) approach.</p> <p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; Submits that fortifying this vital access road to Invercargill the health and wellbeing of residents during times of 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p>

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	<p>flooding will be protected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events – Option 1; Encourage Council to support sun smart, smokefree and alcohol harm reduction. • Festive Lights – Option 2; If Option 1 is preferred recommend that timing aligns with Matariki. • Invercargill Development – Option 2; Submits that carefully planned innovative projects will enhance the quality of life and benefit the community. • Pools – Option 1; Accessibility for older patrons and increased numbers are important considerations. Eager to support café staff to enhance health catering and food options. • Solid Waste – Option 1. <p>The Submitter further submits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commend Council's ongoing commitment to replace old AC pipes. • Support the ongoing investment in drainage based programmes to prevent flooding and enhance water quality. Supports all measures taken to eliminate sewage contamination of storm water. • Endorse the fluoridation of the water supply. • Commend consideration of a smokefree Esk Street. Recommend a city wide approach to encouraging smokefree outdoor spaces. 	<p>Alcohol harm reduction is an area of focus for the Safe in the South programme.</p> <p>Our admission statistics also support the view of an increasing number of older patrons using the facility. The Café provides a range of healthy options in its range of various foods.</p> <p>Asset Management Plans target the renewal of ageing pipes, and improved stormwater capacity to reduce flooding risk, and reduce stormwater contamination.</p> <p>A draft smokefree policy for Esk Street is being prepared following a Council resolution in 2016. This was initiated by the Invercargill Youth Council undertaking a survey in Esk Street supported by many community agencies.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend that priority is placed on renewing ageing infrastructure in parts of the network that give rise to cumulative contamination of the urban catchment. Increase resourcing for areas where sewage cross contamination is occurring. • Recommend Council remains mindful of the potential impact of freshwater limit setting on future requirements for wastewater services. • Recommend that Council improves the connectivity of cycleways, mode separation, maintains the existing quality of footpaths and ensures adequate lighting. • Recommend Council supports ongoing work which enhances the local food supply. • Offer to assist in the orientation of new Councillors in Health in all Policies approach, and continue to enhance the existing knowledge of council staff. 	<p>Council would need to consider a suitable bylaw to work toward smokefree outdoor spaces, including consultation with the wider community and more importantly how it would be enforced in practice (including staffing).</p> <p>Investigation programmes including flow monitoring, CCTV inspections, and identification of cross contamination sources are used to inform priority renewal requirements.</p> <p>Council staff seek involvement in the limit setting process to ensure that achievable targets are set.</p> <p>Most of the inputs are likely to be considered within asset plans.</p>
<p>014</p>	<p>Southland Community Nursery and Education Centre</p>	<p>Requests \$3,000 grant to continue work with the nursery and with schools and other visitors.</p> <p>Supports the submissions of Otatara Landcare Group, Otatara Pestbusters and Bush Haven.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.</p> <p>Council has previously granted \$1,000 to the Southland Community Nursery. This is not currently included in the budget, if Council wish to continue to support the Southland Community Nursery, allowance will need to be included in the budget.</p>
<p>015</p>	<p>WellSouth Primary Health Network</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events – Option 1; Further recommends designating Council-run events as family friendly and smokefree. • Pools – Option 1; Recommend café be family friendly including healthy food options. <p>The submitter further submits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the smokefree playgrounds policy to include common outdoor spaces. • Endorses the Youth Council’s recommendation to make the CBD smokefree. • Encourages the Council to incorporate food resilience into its plans and strategies. A local food production and distribution system based on ecological sustainability. Suggest could be included in Environmental Health, Resource Management, Community Development, Parks and Reserves and/or Urban Rejuvenation. • Investing in an orchard and community food hub rather than ornamental gardens. • Creating more edible landscapes. 	<p>All Council run events and Council supported events are considered for Friendly branding. In each case the event coordinator is contacted and the brand template for events is discussed.</p> <p>The decision to proceed with branding remains with each event coordinator.</p> <p>Thank you for your comments. Splash Palaces’ family friendly accreditation required our Café to have healthy food options. The Café provides a range of healthy options in its range of various foods.</p> <p>Council would need to consider a suitable bylaw to work toward this submission, including consultation with the wider community and more importantly how it would be enforced in practice (including staffing).</p> <p>Staff consider that food production and distributions is more suited to commercial enterprise.</p> <p>The Community Development team are aware of food resiliency and its incorporation in projects. The Environmental Health team supports the initiative as it allows for Council to work collaboratively with the community to achieve a resilience vision, objective and outcomes by participating in the creation and implementation of the Food Resilience Action Plan for the city and being an active member of the Food Resilience Network.</p> <p>Parks have provided reserve areas for orchards and community gardens.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting farmers markets, community gardens etc. • Healthy food options at all events on Council owned property and within Council owned facilities. • Development of a local food policy. 	<p>Council's Parks department support community gardens. Council's Environmental Health department supports the initiative as this increases the availability, distribution and affordability of fresh, healthy food for the community. This can be promoted more by the council through:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subsidising event locations for the Farmers Market to allow for greater participation by stall holders at these events. - Working with producers, distributors, retailers, etc. to encourage the availability, affordability and uptake of healthy food in the community. - Creating community educational brochures to increase knowledge of how to grow, harvest, prepare, and consume healthy locally grown food to support edible gardens and a flourishing food economy. - Ensuring that the stall holders are preparing, serving safe and suitable food to the general public in accordance to the Food Act 2014 requirements.
<p>016</p>	<p>Rodney Tribe</p>	<p>Submitter opposes a 4.7% rates increase and wishes to address the following areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events fund • Pool upgrade • Efficiencies • Council Controlled Organisations • Animal Services Fees • Infrastructure renewals 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debt level • Investment Property • General Reserves • Festive Lights • Grants • Chinese Garden • Rugby Park • Invercargill Development. 	
<p>017</p>	<p>Angus McKay, Emergency Management Southland</p>	<p>Submits that there are a number of factors to be taken into consideration when evaluating raising the Stead Street stop bank.</p> <p>Submits that the Stead Street stop bank is part of a larger network of sea defences and cannot be considered in isolation. Asks that the following is considered when making a decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What impact does it have on the current flood protection in place for the Waihopai River and the Rifle Range. • Is it currently built to a standard strong enough to cope with being overtopped or does it need upgrading anyway, regardless of the increase in height. • Will the design of the road bridge over the Waihopai river be impacted by raising the stop bank height. <p>Submits that with greater understanding about climate change an increase in the height of the stop bank will reduce the risk of flooding to the Airport as well as ensuring access to Otatara.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Staff agree that there are a number of factors to consider in evaluating this project, and that this bank is part of a larger network of sea defences, which will also be compromised by sea level rise, and for which options will need to be considered.</p> <p>This project is included in the Annual Plan because the bank has recently been overtopped, so early attention is necessary. The Rifle Range banks have previously been rebuilt, and similar projects for other flooding defences will be considered in the future. Raising this bank will not compromise other flood protection infrastructure.</p> <p>This project will require Resource Consent from Environment Southland, so consultation with other stakeholders will be required.</p>

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		Requests that the decision is made in close cooperation with other stakeholders responsible for flood protection in Invercargill.	
018	Federated Farmers of New Zealand - David Cooper	<p>Encourages Council to consider the submission both for the 17/18 year and for development of the LTP.</p> <p>Supports Council's targeted rating approach and use of differentials.</p> <p>Supports Council's preferred options for the Stead Street stop bank, Festive lights, Invercargill Development and Solid Waste.</p> <p>Requests that additional expenditure proposed for emerging events is funded through the Economic Development Base targeted rate.</p> <p>Support Council undertaking further consultation with those directly affected by the Stead Street stop bank proposal in the lead up to the 2018 LTP.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Funding the Emerging Events fund through the Economic Development rate would be possible; staff recommend that the Rating Policy be addressed as part of the 2018 LTP development.</p>
019	Healthy Families Invercargill	<p>Thanks Council for its continued support of initiatives that Healthy Families Invercargill has been involved in.</p> <p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stop bank – Option 1; Encourage Council to engage Sport Southland's expertise when considering the stop bank as a recreational asset. • Events – Option 1; Recommend that this not be focused solely on tourism-based events, but also have scope to support events that focus on physical activity/health. 	<p>Note – also submitted electronically.</p> <p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Resource consent will be required for the project and staff encourage input through the consenting process.</p> <p>There is nothing to prevent such events being considered by the Events Committee. Should Council wish, this could be made explicit in the application document when it is updated.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools – Option 1; Submits this is a well-used and well run facility and it is important that Council meets the demand. <p>Further recommends that Council commit to supporting the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy.</p> <p>Recommends that Council commit to supporting the Local Good Food Network Group in order to encourage a thriving local food system. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a Food Policy Council • Supporting edible plantings in the city by introducing a benchmark of at least 5% (by value) of the Parks Departments budget be planted in edible species. • Providing support to community gardens. • Working with the community to understand the types and location of food needed and desired by them. 	<p>The Parks Department of Council supports various groups by the provision of areas for planting such as apple planting Donovan Park, community gardens in Lithgow Street and Derwent Crescent and previous schemes at Rockdale Park and Ettrick Street reserve.</p>
<p>020</p>	<p>Stella O'Connor, IncrEDIBLE Invercargill</p>	<p>Request the City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a Food Policy Council • Support edible plantings in the city by introducing a benchmark of at least 5% (by value) of the Parks Departments budget be planted in edible species. • Provide support to community gardens. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>The Parks Department of Council supports various groups by the provision of areas for planting such as apple planting Donovan Park, community gardens in Lithgow Street and Derwent Crescent and previous schemes at Rockdale Park and Ettrick Street reserve.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the community to understand the types and location of food needed and desired by them. <p>Request that the Council explore whether funds earmarked for the Chinese Garden can be used for projects that grow a resilient local food system.</p>	<p>The project has been committed with funding and development already underway.</p>
<p>021</p>	<p>Sport Southland</p>	<p>Thanks Council for its continued support of the sport and recreation sector.</p> <p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stop bank – Option 1; Recommends that the usage of the stop bank by walkers, runners and cyclists be taken into account when planning the renewal. • Events – Option 1; Recommend that this not be focused solely on tourism-based events, but also have scope to support events that focus on physical activity / health outcomes. • Pools – Option 1; Notes that the use of an indoor pool or aquatic centre to participate in sport and recreation is higher in Southland than in the rest of New Zealand. It is important that Council meets the demand and growth of this facility for the benefit of all users and so that it may continue to meet future demand. <p>Submitter recommends that Council commit to supporting the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy.</p> <p>Recommend that Council looks into ways to meaningfully engage with communities regarding work that progresses.</p>	<p>Note – also submitted electronically.</p> <p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Resource consent will be required for the project and staff encourage input through the consenting process.</p> <p>There is nothing to prevent such events being considered by the Events Committee. Should Council wish, this could be made explicit in the application document when it is updated.</p>

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022	<p>Barry Smith, Otatara Landcare Group</p>	<p>Requests \$4,000 towards costs for purchase of native plants, combi guards, plant maintenance, pest control, track maintenance and other costs in association with the Bushy Point restoration project.</p> <p>Requests \$1,000 for the Otatara Pestbusters work in the six Otatara ICC reserves. Further seek to expand the pest control undertaken and seek a further \$1,000.</p> <p>Support the submissions of the Southland Community Nursery and Environment Centre and of Bush Haven.</p> <p>Recommend that ICC put more emphasis on promoting the natural values of Otatara to residents and to work with the OLG to inform new residents of the values through a 'Welcome to Otatara' package.</p> <p>Request that Council advocate for the removal of non-native plants and their replacement with locally sourced natives, particularly as conditions of resource consent.</p> <p>Request that ICC contribute to the next section of the Invercargill to Bluff walkway / cycleway.</p> <p>Request better weed control and footpath maintenance along the footpath at the end of the bus stop end of Marama Ave South. Also look into pedestrian use of Marama Ave North and work on the parking issue outside of the Otatara School.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council contributed \$2,500 for the Bushy Point Restoration project in 2016/17. Currently there is no budget included in the 2017/18 year. If Council wish to continue to support the Bushy Point Restoration project, allowance will need to be included in the budget.</p> <p>Council contributed \$1,000 for pest destruction in 2016/17. Currently there is no budget included in the 2017/18 year. If Council wish to continue to support Otatara Pestbusters, allowance will need to be included in the budget.</p> <p>The Environmental and Planning Services Directorate is employing an Environmental Information Officer. Their role will include working with community groups.</p> <p>This may not be appropriate as exotic species can provide shelter for native species and also provide an additional food source for bird life.</p> <p>This is a decision Council may wish to consider as there has been some interest in offering further support above the current \$50,000.00</p> <p>Otatara does not pay footpath or frontage rates so any work undertaken is considered as safety or community good activity. This maintenance request will be passed on to our team to review.</p> <p>It is agreed that further consultation with the wider Otatara</p>
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		<p>Congratulate Council on the bikeway across the Estuary. Request Council investigate development of a walk / cycleway along the western edge of the New River Estuary from Stead St to Bryson Rd.</p> <p>Notes that Otatara Scenic Reserve continues to be degraded by the expansion of sycamore, blackberry and other weeds. Pleased that work is being done on the sycamore problem, but notes more needs to be done.</p> <p>Requests additional protection of the fragile and naturally rare salt marsh and coastal turf ecosystems at Sandy Point. Requires fencing to prevent vehicle access.</p>	<p>community is needed to better manage the car parking issues generated by parents driving to school. Council is being asked to solve a problem which has strong origins with the Ministry of Education which has allowed the school to expand without supplying additional car parking. Further and ongoing discussion is planned.</p> <p>The area is currently part of the Invercargill Rifle Range lease, and a cycleway would need to go through their safety zone. This would be an incompatible land use.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with both staff and contractors working on containment and eventual eradication of weed species.</p> <p>Further protection can be afforded by the stopping of the existing adjacent vehicle track or relocating it further inland away from the coast.</p>
<p>023</p>	<p>Nathan Surendran</p>	<p>Requests the establishment of a Food Policy Council convened and supported by the Council.</p> <p>Request that Council explore whether funds earmarked for the Chinese Garden can be used for projects that support growing a resilient local food system.</p> <p>Requests that Council introduce a program to incrementally increase the amount of edible planting by the parks department across the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate 5% of parks planting budget to edible planting that is also ornamental. Design the change to be cost neutral to ratepayers, simple easy to move 'ready to harvest' signage, locations to meet health and safety 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>The project has been committed with funding and development already underway.</p> <p>The Parks Department of Council supports various groups by the provision of areas for planting such as apple planting Donovan Park, community gardens in Lithgow Street and Derwent Crescent and previous schemes at</p>

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		<p>considerations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the community to understand type and location of food desired. • Monitor and tweak annually. • Aim to maximise planting of edible and medicinal plants through incremental changes each budget period. 	<p>Rockdale Park and Etrick Street reserve.</p>
024	Elizabeth Miller	<p>Requests that Council review its Dog Control Policies and Bylaws with a view to easing restrictions on where dogs are allowed in the City if under the control of a responsible owner.</p> <p>Submits that until dogs have an opportunity to be properly socialised within the community, there will always be fear and the potential for territorial dogs.</p> <p>Submits that a dangerous dog is one not given the right amount of care by its owner and is a product of its environment.</p> <p>Submits that changes to our bylaw and policy should free the restrictions placed on responsible owners and increase the penalties for non-compliance.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council's Policy and Bylaw will be reviewed as the result of changes to the Dog Control Act.</p> <p>Restrictions cannot be eased on dogs to allow for Responsible Owners to have their dogs within the City as there is no effective means of policing this. The Dog Park on Elles Road, as well as the various parks within the City, provides an opportunity for dog owners to socialise their dogs.</p> <p>Many restrictions imposed on dog owners are from the Dog Control Act 1996 and are unable to be reduced by Council. Fines are set by the Act/ Regulations, not by Council. Council provides for a Responsible Dog Owner Registration fee at a reduced cost. Owners of other dogs, including Classified dogs, pay a higher registration fee.</p>
025	Mrs Chris Henderson	<p>Submits that there should be a revolving fund to encourage householders to install their own rainwater tanks for times of shortage.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p>

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		<p>Submits that an alternative to more engineering of the Stead Street stop bank, could be suitable native planting to buffer and provide protective barrier to low lying areas.</p> <p>Splash Palace - Submits that an adjacent health and sports medicine pool may be needed in the future.</p> <p>Submits that a low-carbon city could attract people to Invercargill.</p> <p>Suggest Top Town and Rural Games be added as events.</p> <p>Supports option 2 of the Festive Lights. Fits with the Venture Southland Dark Skies project.</p> <p>Submits that Council could lead by example in heritage buildings by utilising a council owned building for adaptive re-use. Earthquake proofing it could provide an ideal learning opportunity for Council, architects, engineers, students etc.</p>	<p>Staff consider that it is unlikely that plantings will be a feasible alternative to stop banks.</p> <p>Whilst not in the immediate plans consideration is being given to the future proofing of Invercargill's aquatic facilities.</p> <p>The Council is currently in the process of formulating an approach in respect of Heritage in the CBD.</p>
<p>026</p>	<p>Mary O'Brien, CCS Disability Action</p>	<p>Submits that Council should consult with the disabled community and access professionals. Establishing a Disability Advisory Group is a practical way to gain this information.</p> <p>Submits the Council measure access needs. Use tools such as Technical Street Audits; recommend that Council commit a small percentage of its maintenance budget to conducting these audits and planning access improvements. Also Pedestrian Street Audits, counting users of visible mobility aides.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Comments are noted and can be considered.</p>

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		<p>Recommend that when planning and consulting regarding future developments (ie Art Centre) Council ensure they are universally accessible.</p> <p>Recommend that Council consult with the disabled community to gain an understanding of current barriers to disabled people using the pool and that technical experts are engaged when planning any changes.</p>	<p>There is recognition that there are some challenges for disabled people in using the facility, however in the past few years we have increased the number of carparks for disabled people, installed one new fixed disabled persons lift and one new fully mobile disabled persons lift, installed a lifting unit in one disabled persons change room and purchased an additional aquatic wheelchair.</p> <p>Regardless, experts will be engaged when planning changes.</p>
027	Jonathan Streat, Environment Southland	<p>Submitter supports the upgrade of the Stead Street stop bank.</p> <p>The submitter has assets in the area, being the Stead Street pumping station and the Waihopai River stop banks that will need replacing and upgrading.</p> <p>Recommends a working group be established to coordinate the works.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Staff accept that Environment Southland and other Infrastructural Services providers will need to be consulted during the preparation of construction plans to ensure that their requirements are addressed.</p>
028	Tyron Strongman – Awarua Developments	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; Submits this should be done sooner rather than later. • Events – Option 1; Submits that the City needs more events. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festive Lights – Option 1; submits that this is a good way to brighten the CBD in the winter, suggests a light or lantern festival with an ice sculpture competition. • Invercargill Development – Option 1; Submits this is an excellent way to expedite Invercargill’s transformation into a vibrant tourism destination. • Pools – Option 1; Submits that an upgrade is a priority. Submits that as a regular user of Bluff Pool, would like to see access improved by allowing residents and users to use the pool at their discretion as pool users in Riverton do. • Solid Waste – option 3. <p>Submitters further submits that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invercargill needs to place itself as a regional transport hub, connecting Queenstown, Fiordland, Dunedin, Southern Scenic Route and Bluff. Submits that an inner city bus station should be developed as the Museum bus stop is a joke. • Public bus services are urgently required for Bluff residents to make the community more liveable. A Bluff service could also serve South City, Kew Hospital and Clifden. • Esplanade Reserve on Foreshore Road is an eyesore and a hazard. The man-made beach on Foreshore Road is eroding drawing out landfill waste from the reclamation. Many community groups have resources and plans for the beach, but cannot proceed due to consenting fees and costs. Submits Council should intervene to make 	<p>These are great suggestions and the City Centre Co-ordinator will look into the feasibility of some of them. Thank you for the great ideas.</p> <p>Bluff pool is an accredited Poolsafe pool under the NZRA and Water Safety New Zealand. This means that lifeguards must be present whenever the pool is in use.</p> <p>Comments are noted and could be referred to the Southland Regional Development Strategy group for input and consideration in a future project.</p> <p>Council’s Passenger Transport is not focused as a service on regional or tourism routes.</p> <p>Council reviews the services provided including the extent of services through the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) It is suggested the submitter could develop ideas and submit these later in the year when consultation on the plan is considered.</p> <p>The area is previous Harbour land fill site and the sea is now re-entering this area by eroding the bank away. Retaining walls will prevent this but will also eliminate the sand beach.</p>
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		<p>the area safe and useable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submits that the Bluff Pool price is too expensive for the facilities that are offered. Recommends that Council boost user numbers by a) reducing charges, b) increasing access through an annual pool key charge for use out of hours c) install a gym facility to share operating burden. Further submits that Council should consider renewable energy sources, solar panel or wind turbine. 	<p>The Bluff pool is owned by the Bluff Community Pool Trust. The Council manages the pool on their behalf but, for example, the setting of fees and introduction of other activities etc. is at the discretion of the trust.</p>
<p>029</p>	<p>Mark Dunlop</p>	<p>Requests Council consider the following ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro type train track around Queens Garden. • Hanging baskets outside shops in the City. • Fluorescent paint on the centre lines of road more visible, with protective coat over the paint. • Solar energy lights (blue or purple) to light Troopers Memorial. • Make the restaurant at Stirling Point into a giant oyster shell opened like a clam. • More flower plant boxes in the City Centre. • Paint keep left signs on road surfaces. Also have keep left signs on the side of the road. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>A train on tracks would be very disruptive to the golf course but an electric transport for tourists on coronation avenue could be run commercially.</p> <p>Parks may wish to participate in this as part of an Inner city initiative. Previously some baskets have been vandalised and they would need a new watering system installed.</p> <p>Paint for road markings is set as part of national standards and Council is obliged to follow these.</p> <p>Restrictions on lighting on a state highway could be an issue. Should Council wish to proceed with the idea further investigation would be required.</p> <p>An idea which could be incorporated into future upgrades.</p> <p>Signs and road markings are set by national standards. Our records do not show this is a problem area in our</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overflow water catchment ponds for heavy flooding like they have in Japan. Water can then be re-used with no waste. • Shops in the City need large fluorescent street numbers. • Safety barrier for problem corners made out of milk bottles filled with water and strapped together to form a cube. 	<p>statistics.</p> <p>Council promotes stormwater retention ponds within its Low Intensity Stormwater Design strategies for greenfield development. However these are generally not suitable in developed areas due to the land areas required for these devices.</p> <p>Shop owners have a choice how they provide signage and street numbers.</p> <p>Any new systems have to go through many tests and are required to meet standards which have high performance standards.</p>
<p>030</p>	<p>Invercargill Youth Council</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; Submits this will be safer for cyclists. • Events – Option 1; Submits that the City needs more family events. • Festive Lights – Option 2. • Invercargill Development – Option 2. • Pools – Option 1; Submits that an upgrade for changing rooms is a priority. Opposes changing the café and foyer. <p>Thanks Council for its ongoing support of the Youth Council.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Resource consent will be required for the project and staff encourage input through the consenting process.</p> <p>The changing of the Café and Foyer has been required for some time, the space is currently very limited and cannot cope with high numbers of people coming through the front doors. This is a health and safety issue that is largely mitigated by the new design. Similarly the café move provides more free area for other activities and keeps the business administration together.</p>

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031	Sue Burgess	Submitter supports Option 1 for the Pool Changing Rooms upgrade.	Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.
032	Bob Ferguson	Submitter supports Option 1 for the Pool Changing Rooms upgrade. Further submits that this is of the utmost importance and that neglecting to do so would be verging on a lack of understanding of health and safety situations.	Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Staff agree that the new changing rooms would mitigate a number of health and safety situations and improves general hygiene.
033	L O'Callaghan	<p>Submits that the Kakaporium is a distraction from the hard decisions needing to be made on the Museum upgrade and City Centre Art Gallery. Requests that Council put the Kakaporium on hold and focuses on the needs of the Museum to move refurbishment forward in a short term time frame.</p> <p>Requests that Council review the appointment of Councillors as Directors of Council owned companies. Believes that there is a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Requests that Council give full review and oversight to the purpose and function of Council owned companies.</p> <p>Submits that the Events fund should not be increased, but should be decreased to 2014 levels. Expenditure on events is at the expense of other higher priorities. The pool of ratepayer funding for events should be modest and used to seed new events. Submits that Events funding and the process around approval needs complete review by full Council.</p> <p>Submits that Council should focus on daytime Christmas decorations rather than lights.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Options for daytime decorations have proved difficult to find which are sufficiently robust to survive our weather conditions. We continue to keep a watch on what is available.</p>

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		<p>Suggests that Queens Park create an area for Chess Stations. This will assist with social congregation.</p> <p>Requests that Council as the lessor facilitate the upgrade of outdoor seating at the Park Café. Debates about responsibility are not helpful.</p> <p>Requests that Council review its Code of Conduct and the expectations around its implementation.</p>	<p>Chess could be played on any of the existing picnic tables provided.</p> <p>No request has been received from the lessor who provided this facility.</p>
<p>034</p>	<p>Bluff Community Board</p>	<p>Requests urgency and funding for the completion of the Invercargill to Bluff Cycle and Walkway.</p> <p>Submits Council improve the berm of the Bluff Foreshore Road, from the War Memorial to the Pilot Station, so that the area can be mowed from the existing road berm to the foreshore bank to a high standard.</p> <p>Requests that a toilet be established on the land in front of the senior citizens building or other suitable area as the current two public toilets are not adequate enough for the number of tourists now visiting Bluff.</p> <p>Requests that plantings be undertaken to improve the left hand side of Flagstaff Road leading to Bluff Hill Road.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>This is a decision Council may wish to consider as there has been some interest in offering further support above the current \$50,000.00</p> <p>This work currently is not budgeted. Further funding would be required to undertake the work.</p> <p>It would be possible to re-instate a public toilet at the site of the old toilets to the side of the Bluff Hall. This would require a change to the budget. To install the toilet an increase of approximately \$130,000 for loan funded capital expenditure. This would further require \$20,000 annual operational expenditure, to pay the loan and cover cleaning and maintenance.</p> <p>Council staff will increase maintenance of the area, but should it require extensive work a specific project budget would be required. The scope of this project is unknown at this stage.</p>

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		<p>Requests that more rubbish bins be installed at both Stirling Point and Bluff Hill.</p> <p>Supports the Bluff Town Hall rate increase to \$16.50.</p>	<p>Rubbish bins are installed for small elements of rubbish from visiting people, for example a chip packet or sandwich wrapper. Council does not supply rubbish bins for refuse disposal from campervans. The correct place for this disposal is through a Transfer Station, one of which is located in Bluff.</p>
035	Brad Harris	Submission to discuss Wilcox Road	Thank you for your comments.
SM1 036	Carl Heenan	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1, the submitter supports fixing this to prevent flooding risk. Would like to dredge some of the Estuary where the floodbank is to deepen or remove some of the silt away from the floodbank. • Events – option 1, advises Council to look to other community funders to help. Requests that Council's Events committee have community representatives on it. Would like to see the fund increased to \$250,000 to attract more international events to the City. Submits that we do not have sufficient motels and hotels and that this needs to be addressed. • Festive Lights – option 1, install lights in winter and Christmas in various areas of the City such as the airport drive entrance and South City. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>This project does not include proposals to dredge parts of the estuary.</p> <p>The Events Committee has a member who is not an elected member of the Invercargill City Council. Although noting your concern the issue of accommodation is something that is outside of Council's core responsibilities.</p> <p>Options to erect festive lights within other areas of the community would need specific consideration. There are limitations as to what decorations can be secured safely to the existing light poles.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invercargill development – option 1, Submits that there should also be funding from central government. • Pools – option 1, but also encourage community funders to help. • Solid Waste – option 1. • The submitter further requests that the entrance to the Invercargill Airport be upgraded as it is untidy and boring. Submitter further recommends a bronze statute for the front of Stadium Southland. Submitter opposes a Chinese Garden and submits the money should be put towards the City's youth. Submitter would like to see more funding put into upgrading all the Council's housing and make the gardens look better than they do at present. 	<p>The cost of installing lighting in other areas has several elements beyond purchasing as the storing, erecting and maintaining of the lights would also need accurate estimation. Decorations were erected in Bluff and this would need to be considered by Council for consistency.</p>
<p>SM2 037</p>	<p>Paul Cade</p>	<p>Submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. • Events – option 2. • Festive Lights – option 2. • Invercargill Development – option 3. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools – option 2. • Solid Waste – option 2. 	
SM3 038	Incomplete	No responses given	
SM4 039	Ron Gilson	<p>Submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 2, it may require maintenance but not renewal. • Events – option 2, events are not what ICC should be involved in. • Festive Lights – option 2, investing this \$200,000 in sewerage pipes would be better. • Invercargill Development – option 3, submits that money previously spent updating the CBD has been a waste as it has not brought any more people into the CBD. Submits that the major issue is that Council has allowed liquor outlets, offices, gyms and other businesses to replace shops. • Pools – option 2; Submits that this is not a business the Council should be involved in. Splash Palace should be sold off to a private business, as a lot of elderly ratepayers are rated for this service but cannot use it because of their age or health. Submits that it should be user pays. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Option 2 will result in increased flood risk to the Lake Hawkins area, including the Invercargill Airport as sea level rises over time.</p> <p>Council provides the swimming facilities (like most other councils) due to it not being a profit driven activity. A total user pays system would mean use of the pool would be unaffordable for most people and as the pool contributes significantly to the health and wellbeing of our community Council continues to provide this. By way of example, drowning is the number one reason for child deaths in Australia and</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste – option 3, Submits that with people recycling more there is less rubbish going to the transfer station so this is the reason Council wishes to increase the fees. 	<p>New Zealand; teaching our children to swim with the ILT Learn to Swim Programme would not be possible without the provision of the Invercargill City Council Aquatic Services.</p> <p>From a Waste Minimisation perspective lower volumes into the Transfer Station are a good thing. However, from a financial perspective it means that the cost of the service is spread across fewer customers when using the “user pays” financial model.</p>
<p>SM5 040</p>	<p>Southland Museum and Art Gallery Trust - Paul Horner</p>	<p>Supports the Southland Regional Heritage Committee who has requested an increase to the Regional Heritage Rate for the 2017/18 financial year and thereafter.</p> <p>This would increase funding to SMAG to carry out essential work on the museum collection which will provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress with a project to re-catalogue all of the objects in collection; • Extension of the employment of a Collection Technician after the end of 2016/17 financial year to carry out collection cataloguing work; • Begin a project to re-package objects and store them in more effective shelving to achieve preventative conservation and greater storage density within the store-room; • Begin a project to make digital images of all collection items to be posted onto an online museum website. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitter notes several benefits of the projects. • Submits that the Trust Board and management of the museum have greatly appreciated the extra funding provided by ICC in the current year and are very thankful for it. 	
<p>SM6 041</p>	<p>Wade Devine</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. • Events – option 2. Submits that Council take a hard look at what it is funding on behalf of ratepayers. Submits that the emerging events fund should be abandoned. • Festive Lights – option 2. Submits that Council should sort out the state of existing commercial buildings before doing any further upgrades to the City Centre. • Invercargill development – option 3. Submits that Council should sort out the state of existing commercial buildings before doing any further upgrades to the City Centre. Submits that a number of inner city buildings should be demolished. • Pools – Did not support an option, but submits that the cost of \$1.4 million seems excessive. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>The cost was compiled by an external quantity surveyor.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste – option 3. Submits that lower volumes going through the Transfer Station should be a good thing, not a reason to increase fees. <p>Submits that the proposed rates increase is over the top and should be reset to the rate of inflation. Funding for non-core activities should be curtailed to achieve a rate increase of no more than inflation.</p>	<p>From a Waste Minimisation perspective lower volumes into the Transfer Station are a good thing. However, from a financial perspective it means that the cost of the service is spread across fewer customers when using the “user pays” financial model.</p>
SM7 042	Sport Southland - Brendon McDermott	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. • Events – option 1. • Pools – option1. 	Note has also provided a written submission.
SM8 043	Healthy Families Invercargill – Jared Cappie	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. • Events – option 1. • Pools – option1. 	Note has also provided a written submission.
SM9 044	Heritage South Trust – Rachel Egerton	<p>Supports the initiatives taken recently to revitalise the inner city with more activities and other initiatives with the appointment of a coordinator. Grateful for the support this has provided to Heritage Month 2017 and Inner City Heritage Week 2016. Requests that the support continues.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted.</p> <p>The Council is currently in the process of formulating an approach in respect of Heritage in the CBD.</p>

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		<p>Encourages continued support and funding of the Southland Regional Heritage fund.</p> <p>Submits that there is a need to improve resourcing for the Southland Museum and Art Gallery, particularly for more and suitably qualified staff.</p> <p>Commends Council for commissioning the report on Heritage Buildings and looks forward to the community consultation phase.</p> <p>Recommends Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement initiatives that support and encourage owners of heritage buildings to undertake maintenance, earthquake strengthening and conservation. • Implement methods such as those employed by Dunedin City Council in their warehouse precinct. • Be flexible and innovative about consent requirements for inner city heritage buildings. • Encourage conversion of inner city heritage buildings first floor and above to residential accommodation. • Set an example by undertaking best practice earthquake strengthening and conservation on an inner city building. • Consider the impacts of consenting new buildings while existing heritage buildings sit empty, or worse still consenting the 	
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		costly demolition of heritage buildings.	
SM1 045	Rochelle Surendran	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. Submits that climate change represents a significant challenge for Invercargill. Recommends Council adopt policy and plans to understand how climate change will impact on Invercargill’s entire infrastructure. • Events – option 1. • Festive Lights – option 3. Submits that the investment is wasted if the community cannot enjoy them, winter months are the better time to do so. • Invercargill development – option 2. • Pools – option 2. Opposes borrowing to build additional changing rooms and raising rates in the future to repay the loan. Submits that if visitor numbers to the pool are growing, there should be the opportunity for growth in pool revenue to help finance (at least partially) any additional changing rooms. • Solid Waste – option 1. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions are noted. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Thank you for your comments. Visitor numbers have exceeded to the point where more changing rooms are required, however the numbers are insufficient on their own to independently service a loan.</p>

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		<p>Requests that Council consider establishing a Food Policy Council.</p> <p>Requests that Council reconsider the investment in building a Chinese Garden and instead invest the money in a community orchard or edible garden.</p>	<p>The project has been committed with funding and development already underway.</p>
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To whom this concerns, Thank you

I object to the rise in our City rates. I am on the pension and the time I pay for my Aids the likes of "the doctor" a new pair of glasses which are due this month at a cost of \$1000 hearing aids & false teeth coming up. I can't stretch my budget further to cover another rise in rates.

Thanking you
Yvonne Johnstone

196 TRAMWAY Rd

Ingill

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20 FEB 2017

195 Tramway Rd.,
Strathern,
Invercargill 9812.
20-2-2017

Dear Sir,

I do strongly oppose this new "Rate" rise you are going to place on the Rate Payers.

Forget about the new approach for City Centre, and get all the major work done first, such as underground water pipes etc, road works, then decide on other things, but do not waste money, we are not like Auckland or Wellington - do not want to be.

We are just proud to be "Invercargill."

Yours Faithfully

Mrs A.M. Smith

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Stead Street Stopbank (Refer page 10)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

Include extra pages if you wish.

Events (Refer page 11)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

Include extra pages if you wish.

Further comments

MY COMMENT:

The Council should be paying for town expenses not extras.
I also object to the redevelopment of Esk St as it did nothing to fill the shops or encourage tourists
I OBJECT to a rates increase of such large proportions

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Further comments

MY COMMENT:

Include extra pages if you wish.

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Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

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MY COMMENT:

Include extra pages if you wish.

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Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

Include extra pages if you wish.

Festive Lights (Refer page 12)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Include extra pages if you wish.

Invercargill Development (Refer page 13)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Agree in theory, Need breakdown of \$500,000
as it would go along way in construction

Include extra pages if you wish.

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Pools (Refer page 14)

Which option do you support?

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

MY COMMENT: Why not fund through entry fees?
If there has been more attendance than expected
survey there has been a surplus over the last
few years.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Solid Waste (Refer page 15)

Which option do you support?

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Include extra pages if you wish.

Further comments

MY COMMENT:

No provision for cyclists when upgrading intersections/installing cycle lanes

Incorrect installation of tactile paving throughout city.

Include extra pages if you wish.

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Hello Rebecca, I apologise for sending you this message (it is not personal) and would ask you to pass it on to the appropriate department at the ICC. Then after they have had a jolly good laugh at my utter stupidity they can file it in the round container at their feet. I read in the newspaper where the long suffering residents are about to be hit with another hefty increase in rates, whether we can afford it or not. My daughter and family live in a house in Auckland worth \$1.3M and pay approx. \$2,200 in rates. With both of them in well paid positions that is no problem. In Invercargill I live in a house with a GV of \$365,000 and I pay \$2,758.09. I am 86 yoa and quite unable to obtain paid employment so all increases come from my fixed income - National Super. Where does the Council think the ratepayers in my age bracket find the extra money? Have they ever heard of a budget? Why don't they try living within their means and actually budgeting. We have to. I put the suggestion to you that ratepayers on a fixed income (ie: National Super etc) have their rates capped at \$2,000. I do apply for and receive the Rates Rebate but the amount I am paying is still over that figure. Last time the City Council increased the rates they called for submissions and I put forward that bright idea but didn't even get the courtesy of an acknowledgement - which is why I ask you to pass it on please.

Eileen Hughes
332 Herbert Street
Windsor
Invercargill 9810

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Pools (Refer page 14)

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Which option do you support?



OPTION 1



OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

move disabled changing rooms with a toilet in each would be good. Having special needs is difficult enough. Not having toilet facilities is very frustrating. Please please please more disabled rooms with toilets.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Solid Waste (Refer page 15)

Which option do you support?



OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Blank lined area for comments.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Festive Lights (Refer page 12)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

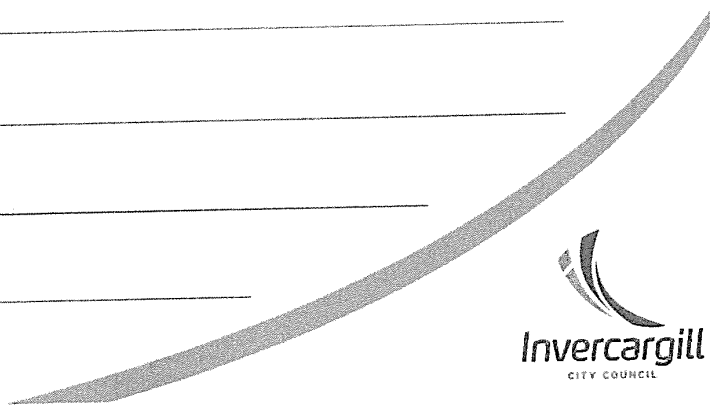
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MY COMMENT:

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Pools (Refer page 14)

Which option do you support?

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

Move disabled changing rooms all with a toilet in each. (at least 6)
I always have trouble getting my child to a toilet as there is only one. He cant go into the ladies, I cant go into the males. It's hopeless. One disabled toilet is no where enough.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Solid Waste (Refer page 15)

Which option do you support?

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Include extra pages if you wish.

Festive Lights (Refer page 12)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Horizontal lines for writing comments.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Invercargill Development (Refer page 13)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Horizontal lines for writing comments.

Include extra pages if you wish.



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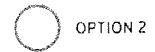
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Stead Street Stopbank (Refer page 10)

Which option do you support?



MY COMMENT:

I fully support OPTION ONE to increase the stopbank to current standards to protect the road, airport, and Otatarua also. The sooner the work done the better.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Events (Refer page 11)

Which option do you support?



MY COMMENT:

Increase the funding for events in the City to help Groups + organisations to be able to apply for grants from the fund.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Festive Lights (Refer page 12)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Christmas Time only. so "NO" Impact Rates-with other projects City before then

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Invercargill Development (Refer page 13)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Allocate the funding- to investigate and to progress projects to reinvigorate the City, to keep bringing more tourists to the City, and to keep People (Local s) into ^{supporting} the City.

Include extra pages if you wish.



Pools (Refer page 14)

Which option do you support?



OPTION 1



OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

If the work is really needed then do it specially wheel chair ramps - for disabled people urgently required, should have been done at the start.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Solid Waste (Refer page 15)

Which option do you support?



OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Increase by 10 Tonne offset increased disposal expenditure / Lower volumes (Transfer Station).

Include extra pages if you wish.

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Submitter

Ann Boyles

6Dublin Street

Windsor Invercargill 9810

I do not wish to speak to the council.

Stead Street Stopbank

Option 1 yes

March this year has been a stormy one for Auckland and the Coromandel.

These sorts of storms will hit Invercargill sometime.

Better to upgrade the stopbank now then go through another 1980's type flood.

Events

Option 2 Yes

Reasoning being. Events need to stand up without massive amounts of money from the council. Event organisers should be accountable for their costs and not rely on the council to fund them excessively.

Festive Lights

Option 2 Yes

Well done purchasers for not checking that the lights were not tolerable to the cold.

It seems that more holes are in the lights. Has our climate changed? No

This is not being accountable for expenditure.

Invercargill Development

Option 2 Yes

I have reservations about the costs of these developments as mentioned.

Note that nowhere does it mention keeping in touch with the community and ratepayers re the developments

I would prefer that the council upgrades infrastructure first and get that all upgraded so our streets do not flood and our drains work.

Finish the library first and the swimming pool before starting on another project.

Pools

Option 1 yes

Changing rooms are overcrowded when one strikes a school in the ladies changing rooms.

Most needed.

Solid Waste

Option 1 yes

Be brave, reduce our rubbish even more -make Invercargill a large plastic supermarket bag free zone.

General Comment

Enhancing our city

Please get the basics right. I walk around the CBD and notice the following.

At times our city is dirty grimy and positively embarrassing to take visitors around.

Where are the hanging baskets, tubs with plants -need more landscaping?

Frontages of empty buildings-hammer the landlords to repaint them or knock the buildings down so new buildings can go up. We need pride in our city.

Rates Rebate Scheme

If the council is going to continually raise the rates, please consider going to the government to increase the amount of the rebate as each year the rebate stays the same but the rates go up.

Please remember that a lot of homeowners are older and are on fixed incomes.

Consultation

The Councillors represent the community and as such should be communicating to the community on the progress of the projects. Consult with the ratepayers, the people on the street as to what is happening.

Cut down on expensive mistakes like buying lights for Invercargill that are not tolerant of a cold climate

Thank you for the chance to submit.

Ann Boyles

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Max Skerrett 453 North Rd

February 27th 2017

The Chief Executive

Mr Richard King

Invercargill City Council

Dear Mr King,

Submission on Annual Plan 2017

My concern is the continuing rise in the real operating cost of the council. I do not know of any other costs in the New Zealand economy which increase annually above the level of inflation. The increase is greater this year than ever before with inflation virtually zero.

I have heard the explanation of what is termed *local authority inputs* increasing. What are these costs which apply just to local authorities? I do not believe this will stand up to scrutiny. What large expenses are there that only local authorities have? We are entitled to have a detailed explanation for this.

You can start anywhere to illustrate the point but first:

From the 2012 -2022 Long Term Plan page 22

Total Rates Required (GST inclusive) 2012/2013 \$51,095,000

Rates Revenue 2017/2018 \$60,842,000

This was the estimated rates for 2017/2018 with the inflation rates expected at that time.

The annual expected inflation figures are detailed on page 22 as 2012/13= 4.08%, 2013/14=6.72%, 2014/15= 2.65%, 2015/16 =4.69%, 2016/17 =1.63%, 2017/18= 2.16%.

On the next page the Inflation Component of Total Rates for each year is shown as a graphic.

The intent of this is to demonstrate that the annual increase in rates is entirely due to the inflation component. If so it falls flat on its face. Demonstrably the actual increases are way ahead of inflation.

To calculate the inflation adjusted rates comparison for the year ended June 2018 compared with June 2013 we must use the actual figures supplied by Statistics NZ . The closest is June 2013=1176 December 2016= 1208 $51095 \times 1208 / 1176 = 52,485$. Extending that to the year ending 2018 will be approximately $51095 \times 1218 / 1176 = 52,919$.

\$52,919,000 is the inflation adjusted rates for the year 2017- 2018 compared with June 2013.

Now this year 2017-2018 according to the Consultation Document the proposed rates are to be \$57,995,000. That is another five million real dollars! .

Is this right? Surely it cannot be. What is most alarming for young Invercargill residents , in the way rates are set, is that it is an extra five million real dollars every year forever.

What has happened now that the real rate of inflation is almost zero:-

If we go back to that figure of Rates Revenue 2011/2012 of \$42,689,000 and correct for actual inflation from 2012 to 2016 we get \$44,570,710. The \$42,689,000 was already away ahead of what it had been in previous years.

Going back to the beginning of the century: Total Rates June 2000= \$25million. Correct for inflation to 2017= **\$36million in 2017 dollars**. The council now wants **\$58million in 2017 dollars**. What exactly is it that is costing all of this extra money?

One obvious reason is payment to council staff for expansion of activities. Prior to the year 2013 the council did not publish the staff figures in the Annual Report so I have no figures before that.

Staff figures from the Annual Reports:-

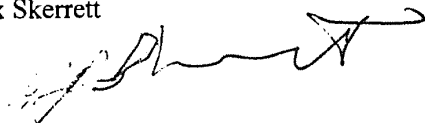
Year 2012 : 391

Year 2013 : 444

Year 2015 : 453

Yours sincerely,

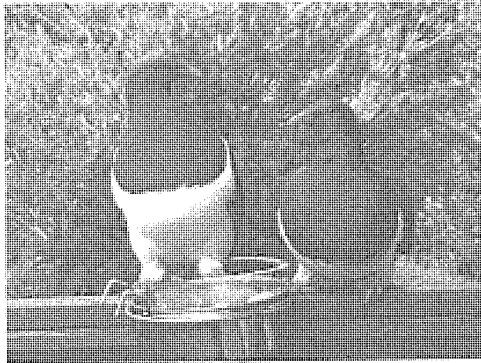
Max Skerrett



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Bush Haven Native Bird Rehabilitation Trust



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15 March 2017

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2017/18 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN - SUBMISSION

For the last two years, Bush Haven have received \$1,000 from the Invercargill City Council, and we really appreciate receiving these funds as we could not operate otherwise.

Our tally so far this year, which ends on 31st March – is 43 kereru in, of which ten were euthanased because of their injuries, five died fairly soon after their arrival, 19 have so far been released and nine remain in care at present. Most of the nine will eventually be released, in varying lengths of time. We still have two in care from last year that we hope will be released.

We have cared for 16 tuis, of which seven died on or soon after arrival, two were euthanased, six were released and one is still in care. We have also cared for two native falcons, one of which was later euthanased and the other forwarded to Wingspan for their breeding programme. Two of the released kereru died some time later after receiving further injuries.

The wings of the falcon that was euthanased were sent to Wingspan to be used for 'imping' which is implanting wing feathers to enable an injured bird to get flying while new feathers grow. They are thus quite valuable and were appreciated.

We also now have a new regime of local Iwi getting feathers from birds which have died. Rather than taking the birds away and risking them being inadvertently eaten we now have Dean Whaanga come to Bush Haven, pluck the birds, and bodies are then taken to Paws at Rest and cremated. Dean has worked with us to ensure the safe disposal of bodies, which may not have been as well organized in the past by Iwi. This is important as most birds kept for feathers have been euthanased by lethal injection and we have always been concerned that the birds may have been eaten. Ashes are returned to us for dispersal in the bush.

When we spoke to you last year we were asked if \$1,000 was enough. As our numbers in care have increased, so have our costs and we would now appreciate Council considering whether you are able to allocate us \$2,000 per year, so that we do not need to keep applying annually. If you would rather we do apply annually, however, that can be done. We have also received \$1,000 from Environment Southland and the ILT Foundation, as well as donations from visitors to the property and other regular supporters. Main supporters are listed on our website.

Please find attached a copy of our financial statement for the last year. Costs have increased steadily each year, as well as numbers of birds in care. We are fortunate in that our veterinary costs have not increased, in fact have decreased as VetSouth, like our previous provider, do not charge us for consult fees, just for all equipment used but they have a smaller charge for xrays.

It has also come to our notice that some councils have provided rates relief for ongoing projects such as ours, which provide a much needed service in and to the local community. We would ask Council to consider providing this in the form of paying our annual rates in entirety or part, which would give Russell and myself some financial relief. As you know we have never taken a wage from the Trust and rely entirely on our superannuation for living costs. Our rates this year are \$1,688.61. We did not apply for a rates rebate last year as we were turned down the previous year.

We are at present considering how we can work out Bush Haven continuing to work in the future when we decide to move to a smaller house and stop caring for the birds. The birds deserve to have someone continue at Bush Haven as there is no other similar facility in Southland.

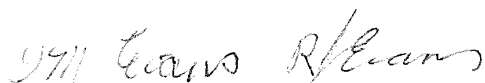
Our breeding pair of South Island Kaka have produced five chicks this year, four of which are female and will be going to the Abel Tasman Park soon. We have also been breeding Kakariki and hope to be able to release some of these at some time in the future.

Last year we suggested that Council consider erecting several more 'Caution Kereru' signs in Otatara to alert motorists to the low-flying kereru/wood pigeons on our roads. We at Bush Haven feel the signs have played a part in preventing road deaths as both the drivers and the birds have time to pull up or slow down if drivers stick to 50 kmph or less.

Council declined this last year, but we ask that you give further consideration to these two areas :
Oreti Road, halfway round the curve before Black Road, coming off Dunns Road
Otatara Road before the Stop sign at Dunns Road – this will alert motorists coming this way and turning towards town as the other sign on Dunns Road is on the city end of the road.

We would be happy to answer questions about our submission, depending on when. We will be away on holiday from 6 May until late June July with our son overseas, as he pays our air fares so that we can visit him and have a holiday.

Thankyou for considering our submission.



May & Russell Evans

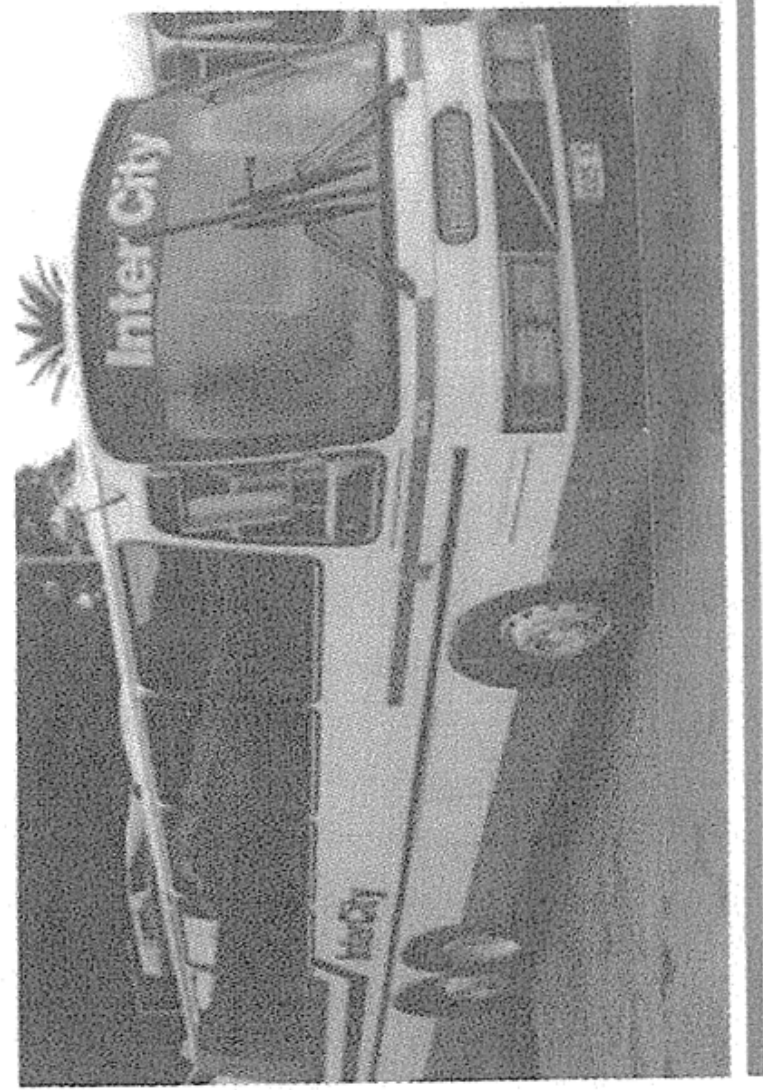
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BUSH HAVEN NATIVE BIRD REHABILITATION TRUST**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

	2016	2015
Income received for the year:		
Donations -general	1989	2122
- anonymous donation	50000	-
Kaka Naming Auction	710	-
Grants – Community Trust of Southland	-	500
Department of Conservation- Southland	-	500
- Otatara Landcare		
Group	2000	2000
Invercargill City Council	1000.	-
I L T Foundation	1000	1000
Southland Forest and Bird	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>
	4000	4500
Proceeds sale of window transfers	132	144
Interest received – ANZ Bank Ltd (less RWT \$110.28)	<u>232</u>	<u>2</u>
	57063	6768
Less Expenditure for the year:		
AGM costs	55	-
Aviary repairs	-	168
Bush Haven housesitting fee	-	200
Bird food	4225	2369
Conference – accommodation and air fares	796 -	-
Electricity	735	1119
Equipment and consumables	-	4
General expenses	160	120
Insurance	719	-
Printing & stationery	156	96
Rent	20	-
Repairs & maintenance	2173	-
Less reroofing of Clearwater Row Aviary- funded		
by grant from Community Trust of Southland	<u>1541</u>	-
	632	-
Travel costs - mileage reimbursed	774	1698
Veterinary costs	400	1228
Less Reimbursement from DOC	<u>-</u>	<u>196</u>
	400	1032
Window transfers purchased	-	200
WReNNZ subscription	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>
	8717	7041
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year	\$ 48346	(273)

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Stead Street Stopbank (Refer page 10)

Which option do you support?

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

I need a new life at Stead St and get more things happening around here. make it more people friendly and less cars my thoughts.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Events (Refer page 11)

Which option do you support?

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

We need more events here and try and get more off the Big Citys in New Zealand fill Invercargill up First I say.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Festive Lights (Refer page 12)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

I think 2016 Light were great, and keep it up and Windsor Shop Center and South City needs them too. also a easter light too be good. Brighting us up for the cold months ahead.

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Include extra pages if you wish.

Invercargill Development (Refer page 13)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

I think we need to get these Shop. fill a gain and tidy all the CBD. up too and make Invercargill a place to come and see. We need more Businesses down here like K. Mart. and also try and get more people down here from the big citys too.

Include extra pages if you wish.



Pools (Refer page 14)

Which option do you support?

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

I think we should have two Pools
in Vercargill my thoughts.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Solid Waste (Refer page 15)

Which option do you support?

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

I think a green Bin. would Be great.
too like CHCH has got.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Further comments

bus and Public Transport. city Transport
Invercargill

MY COMMENT:

1 get a new Bus company to run our
city buses (2) Run the buses 7 days a week.

(3) Run small mini Bus like Red bus
in CHCH does and run two way one
the Bus Rate like it use to be. Keep bus
travel down to 20 mins on bus to get people
to town fast than a car all so we should
look on getting less cars on our roads too

also Airport to Otatara and industrial.
bus services to.
also a public bus from bluff too

I could come to one of your public
Transport meeting if need be. (03) 9730213

Include extra pages if you wish.



Further comments

Public Transport out of this town.

MY COMMENT:

- ① get Jet Star down here.
- ② get our trans service back.
here from CHCH to Invercargill
also get a bus to cover the collins -
olepuki - tuatapere - ofantau - Te-anau.
Services to. it is getting hard to
get out of this town. Re public transport
also. CHCH to Invercargill we only have
one bus in morning out of here we
need more. Like Afternoon service too.
my thoughts.

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Public Health South

16 MAR 2017

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SUBMISSION ON: Tahua a-tau 2017 – 2018 Annual Plan

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Our Reference: 17Feb10

Date: 14 March 2017

Introduction

Southern District Health Board (Southern DHB) presents this submission through its public health service, Public Health South. This Service is the principal source of expert advice within Southern DHB regarding matters concerning Public Health. Southern DHB has responsibility under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities. Additionally there is a responsibility to promote the reduction of adverse social and environmental effects on the health of people and communities. With 4,250 staff, we are located in the lower South Island (South of the Waitaki River) and deliver health services to a population of 319,200. Public health services are offered to populations rather than individuals and are considered a "public good". They fall into two broad categories – health protection and health promotion. They aim to create or advocate for healthy social, physical and cultural environments.

This submission is intended to provide general commentary to Invercargill City Council (ICC) relating to the consultation document 2017-2018 Annual Plan Consultation Document.

General Comments

We commend council for its focus on improving the health and wellbeing of its citizens in this consultation document. The proactive approach in improving the tidal flooding protection provided by the Stead Street stopbank in advance of the predicted sea-level rise, and the proposed improvements at the pool in response to increased use across age ranges by people engaging in physical activity for fun and fitness are clear examples of a health in all policies (HiAP) approach.

Please find enclosed our detailed feedback on your plan in the table below. Items A – H are issues of interest to us that appear in order as per your plan. Additional priorities for Southern DHB are listed as I – Q.

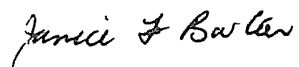
ICC issue	DHB priorities	Our position	Comment
A Stead Street Stopbank		Support Option 1	We fully support council's decision to renew the Stead Street stopbank to current standards. This will help to protect the road, airport and residents of Otatara from climate change induced sea level rise and increased storm surge events. By fortifying this vital access road to Invercargill the health and wellbeing of residents during times of storm surge/flooding will be protected.
B Events		Support Option 1	We would encourage the council to take the opportunity to support the promotion of sunsmart behaviours, smokefree environments and alcohol harm reduction at council supported events. This would enhance the family friendly brand.
C Festive lights		Support Option 2	Please note that if option 1 is preferred following this consultation, then we would suggest that the timing should align with Matariki celebrations. We would recommend that the community is consulted regarding the style of lighting.
D Invercargill Development		Support Option 2	We commend the council's commitment to developing the city. Carefully planned innovative projects will enhance the quality of life and be of benefit to the community.
E Pools		Support Option 1	Accessibility for older patrons and increased numbers are important considerations in providing additional changing rooms. PAN Murihiku, a public health network to improve physical activity and nutrition, would be eager to support catering staff to enhance healthy catering and food options.
F Solid Waste		Support Option 1	We support council's decision to increase Transfer Station Fees by \$20 per tonne with no change to rates charged. This option helps honour the NZ ETS obligations and will encourage users of the Transfer Station to minimise their waste, which in turn will contribute to healthy environments for Invercargill residents.
G Asbestos Pipe Replacement		Commendation	We commend council's ongoing commitment to replace old asbestos piping. We wish to advise that the motivation for doing this needs to be a risk of failure of the pipes to do their job rather than the perception of health risks associated with the fact they are made from asbestos.
H Increased Capital Investment in Drainage based Programmes, Treatment Facilities, Storm water and Sewage Pipe Renewals		Commendation	We support the ongoing investment in expenditure for drainage based programmes as these are vital networks that prevent flooding events and contribute to the water quality within our urban catchment. We also support all measures council undertakes to investigate and eliminate sewage contamination of storm water.
I	Fluoridation	Commendation	We fully endorse council's decision to provide community fluoridation as this approach is an important public health measure with regards to maintenance of good oral health and the prevention of tooth decay. This action is a practical example of council's ability to influence the wellbeing of its population.
J	Smokefree 2025	Recommendation	We commend council for consulting on smokefree issues and considering a smokefree Esk Street or CBD. We recommend that a city wide approach to encouraging smokefree outdoor spaces, including cafes and restaurants, would be likely to receive positive outcomes for business, as it has in other cities. The Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 target is an aspirational goal that necessitates an increased focus and it is timely for local government to consider initiatives that will provide a platform to further normalise smoking in New Zealand. Public Health South will continue to support council smokefree facilities, spaces and events by way of signage, policy development and promotion.
K	Sewage Treatment and Disposal	Recommendation	While the council has a renewal programme to replace aging infrastructure, we recommend priority is placed on those parts of the network that give rise to cumulative contamination of our urban catchment. Council need to remain mindful of the potential impact of freshwater limit setting on future requirements for wastewater services. In un-reticulated areas where reticulation is not an option, ongoing support for rural residents should be pursued to ensure appropriate care and maintenance of septic tanks. We would also like to strongly encourage council to prioritise their efforts in renewing aged stormwater drains, and consider increasing the resourcing for this activity to get value for money, particularly in areas that sewage cross contamination is occurring. This is vital in order to protect the recreational, cultural and environmental values of our waterways that drain into the New River Estuary. We would support the allocation of funding towards the storm water and sewage pipe renewal programme as this will help ICC contribute to improvement in the quality of recreational water.
L	Lack of Opportunities for Active Transport	Recommendation	Local government is uniquely placed to create supportive environments to promote opportunities for physical activity and active living in communities. Walking and cycling are two of the easiest ways people can stay active. We support connected walking and cycling routes that are safe and well maintained. Linking destinations and the quality of the routes has a direct influence on their attractiveness for walking and cycling. We recommend that council improves 1) the connectivity of cycleways, 2) mode separation, 3) maintains the existing quality of footpaths, and 4) ensures there is adequate lighting.
M	Non-Compliant Airshed	Recommendation	The council should be congratulated for establishing the loan schemes. We continue to recommend that measures are taken to ensure that inequities do not occur for those accessing the proposed new loan scheme, and the gap is reduced between the vulnerable and those who have alternative options to pursue.
N	Building Community Food Resilience	Recommendation	We congratulate the council for its support of community gardens and fruit tree planting on reserves. We recommend council supports ongoing work which enhances the local food supply. With good community support and energy such projects are likely to be sustainable. This contributes to building community skills and resilience which is especially important in emergency situations.
O	Substandard Housing Affecting Health of Residents	Recommendation	We believe that a continued partnership between South Alive and council would benefit the housing area of work.
P	Health in All Policies (HiAP)	Recommendation	Health begins where we live, learn, work and play. Many things influence how healthy we are including housing, safe neighbourhoods, clean air and water, the food we eat, how active we are, easy access to transport, education, employment and recreation. Organisations outside the health sector, including local government, influence community health and wellbeing. International organisations, including the World Health Organisation acknowledge this, and recommend a health in all policies approach. Public Health South would welcome the opportunity to assist with the orientation of new councillors in Health in all Policies and to further enhance the existing knowledge base of appropriate council staff.
Q	Community Development	Commendation	Continued investment in community development will support the development of joint programmes, service improvements and increased community capacity. Linking, collaboration and integration takes leadership, commitment and co-ordination beyond networking activity and ICC staff and council representatives can play a vital and strategic part in achieving worthwhile outcomes.

Summary

Southern DHB appreciates the opportunity to comment on the 2017–2018 Annual Plan consultation document.

We wish to be heard in regards to this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice F. Burton".

Janice Burton
Professional Leader, Health Promotion

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Southland Community Nursery and Education Centre

The Southland Community Nursery Charitable Trust in Otatara operates a volunteer native plant nursery and Education Centre which it offers free to Southland Schools. Over 8,000 native plants a year are grown by volunteers for restoration projects around the City. As well as increasing learning and knowledge the Friday morning community volunteer sessions also provide a range of social, cultural, health and welfare benefits. Plants are gifted (and have been for 15 years) to the Southland Multi-cultural Society for every citizenship ceremony held by Invercargill and Southland District Councils. This Community Nursery project is seen throughout New Zealand as a leading and inspirational project.

In November 2013 the Trust built and opened an Education Centre and since 2014 over 3000 visitors have experienced the property from group visitors to schools outside the classroom education experiences. The Education Centre predominantly accommodates school groups, and does so without charge. However, there are of course expenses to running such a facility and it would be beneficial for the Trust if the ICC financially support this project to bring environmental education to school children outside the classroom.

The Education Centre is also a venue for an increasing number of community workshops and 178 people attended workshops in 2016. One of our strongest wishes is to make workshops accessible and available to communities without cost being a barrier therefore financial support to allow this to happen is valuable.

The Community Nursery Trust would like ICC to see the Community Nursery and Education Centre project as an asset to Invercargill City and as such again financially support the work of the Trust to support and recognize the commitment by Trustees and volunteers.

We request that ICC to support the Community Nursery Trust with a **\$3000** grant to continue their good work with the nursery and with schools and other visitors. All organization, supervision and teaching of groups is undertaken on a voluntary basis.

In addition we support the submissions and the work being done by the Otatara Landcare Group, Otatara Pestbusters and Bush Haven as all of these organisations are making a huge difference in the City.

Chris and Brian Rance
Southland Community Nursery Trust

www.southlandcommunitynursery.org.nz

**SUBMISSION ON THE INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL 2017-2018 ANNUAL PLAN**

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Introduction

This submission was developed by the Health Promotion Team at WellSouth Primary Health Network (WellSouth).

WellSouth is a charitable trust funded by the Southern District Health Board to provide primary health care services to residents enrolled with general practices in Otago and Southland. These services include first contact support to restore people's health when they are unwell as well as range of programmes to improve access to health care services to promote and maintain good health. The health promotion programme facilitates the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve, their health. One aspect of health promotion is to advocate for healthy social, cultural and physical environments.

General Comment

Local government is an important and powerful influence on the health and wellbeing of communities and populations. The decisions local government makes affect the determinants of health – public

policy has a profound impact on health status – in fact, some of the most profound health improvements of all time are due to public policy changes. As such, local government has the ability to improve population health and reduce inequalities in New Zealand.

Events – Support Option 1

WellSouth supports option 1 increasing the emerging events Fund. WellSouth also recommends designating Council-run events as family friendly and Smokefree.

Pools- Support Option 1

We support building additional changing room and upgrading the café at Splash Palace. We would also like to recommend the Café be family friendly including healthy food options.

Additional Comments - Smokefree

Local Government has a huge part to play in creating and promoting Smokefree environments, facilities and events. Council has already taken the excellent step of making playgrounds Smokefree but the policy needs to be extended to include common outdoor spaces.

Creating Smokefree environments is especially important in areas where young people congregate, like the City Centre and Esk St. As evidence indicates that the more often young people are around smokers (and therefore perceive smoking as 'normal') the more likely they are to become smokers themselves. We therefore congratulate the Invercargill City Council on taking the next step and proposing to make the Central Business District Smokefree.

There is public support by non-smokers and smokers for more Smokefree outdoor areas and Smokefree goes hand in hand with the beautiful and family friendly environment that the Council is already promoting with the Family Friendly brand. WellSouth endorses the Youth Councils recommendation to make the Central Business District Smokefree.

Additional Comments - Food Resilience:

WellSouth encourages the Invercargill City Council to incorporate food resilience into the annual plan. Food resilience means that people of the city have access to a food system that is secure, healthy, sustainable, thriving economically, and socially inclusive. A local food production and distribution system based on ecological sustainability, able to withstand natural and man-made shocks is a vital part of food resilience (based on a World Health Organisation, 1996 World Food Summit definition of food security).

A number of council's around New Zealand are addressing the issue of food resilience in their cities; including Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington and Dunedin City Council's. As evident in the results of food physical mapping work Invercargill City Council has done in collaboration with Healthy Families Invercargill, many residents in the city lack access to fresh fruit and vegetables in Invercargill City.

Unhealthy eating, obesity and chronic health conditions are a major burden for our cities, they not only affect the health of individuals but also impact our economy, environment and communities¹. A population that is healthy is more able and more likely to fully participate in employment and contribute to a vibrant and productive local community.

Actions in food resilience could be part of the council's actions and projects in Environmental Health, Resource Management, Provision of Specialised Community Services, Community Development, Parks and Reserves, and/or Urban Rejuvenation. Some examples include;

- Investing in an orchard and community food hub rather than ornamental gardens. This could be a place where people learn new skills, grow food, and learn how to cook.
- Creating more edible landscapes in Invercargill City, such as planting heritage fruit trees and allowing council land to be used for vegetable gardening. Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with community groups can help to ensure community ownership over the edible produce planted on council land.
- Supporting initiatives that increase the availability, distribution and affordability of healthy food, for example, farmers markets, community gardens and local food cooperatives.
- Having healthy food options at all events on council property, and within council owned facilities.
- Working with food producers, distributors, retailers, other agencies and the community to encourage the availability, affordability and uptake of healthy food in our community. For example, this could be done by incentivising healthy food retail in certain areas.
- Incorporating food resilience into Long Term Plans, Annual Plans, Policy and strategies. For example, ensuring planning applications for new developments prioritise access to healthy food.
- Working collaboratively to build a healthy local food system through the development of a local food policy council/local food network².

¹ *New Zealand Institute of Economic Research. (2015). Wider Economic Costs of Obesity to New Zealand - Full Report. Wellington: Social Policy Evaluation and Research Unit.*

² *Food policy council or local food network: An organised group of people working collaboratively to build a healthy local food system. It ideally includes stakeholders from across the food system and representation from a wide range of sectors including government, health and environmental sustainability. Food policy councils typically focus on land-use planning, urban agriculture, food retail access, food waste management and economic development. For more information visit http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/food_policy_council*

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Further comments

MY COMMENT:

I Do not support a proposed 4.7% rates increase

I wish to speak to my submission which will also cover

- Events funds

- Pool upgrade

- Efficiencies

- CCO's/CCSO's

- Fees Animal services

- Infrastructure renewals

- debt level

- Investment Property

- General reserves

- Festive lights

- Grants

- Chinese garden

- Rugby Park

- Invercargill Development

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I wish to speak to the Mayor and Councillors about my submission.	

Emergency Management Southland wishes to present a neutral submission to the Stead Street stop bank proposal.

We believe there are a number of factors that need to be taken into consideration when evaluating the pros and cons of raising the Stead Street stop bank to protect against the expected 2100 storm tide level.

In 2016, Emergency Management Southland carried out consultation with key stakeholders to update our current risk assessment priorities for Southland. Climate Change appears several times in the 'Very High' category of risk (one level lower than 'Extreme') including; sea level rise, more severe and frequent weather events and storm surges or coastal inundation.

In March 2016, the Stead St stop bank overtopped with a combination of a king tide, and strong winds.

The Stead Street stop bank is part of larger network of sea defences and cannot be considered in isolation. Environment Southland's stop banks and river protection runs adjacent to Stead St and there are pumping stations removing water from the airport and behind the Stead Street stop bank.

We believe there are several considerations when making a decision on raising the Stead Street stop bank;

- What impact does the raising of the Stead Street sea wall have on the current flood protection in place for the Waihopai River and the Rifle Range?
- Is the current Stead Street stop bank built to a standard sufficiently strong enough to cope with being overtopped or does it need upgrading anyway regardless of an increase in height?
- Will the design of the road bridge over the Waihopai river be impacted by raising the stop bank height?

For many years, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have been drawing the world's attention to climate change and the effects and consequence these changes are having across the planet. These consequences include but are not limited to: record breaking temperatures, fast melting Arctic sea ice and glaciers, rapid sea level rise in last decade, warming oceans, increased ocean acidification, high greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

IPCC are predicting, with medium confidence, that it is very likely that sea level will rise in more than 95% of the ocean area, there will be a significant increase in the occurrence of future sea level extremes and it is virtually certain that global mean sea level rise (GMSLR) will continue for many centuries beyond 2100, with the amount of rise dependent on future emissions.¹ IPCC have stated that the global sea level rose twice as much in the last decade than it did in the whole of the 20th century, they say we can expect the oceans to rise between 28 and 98 centimetres by 2100². Actual sea level rise is currently averaging 3mm per annum.

Past events, like in March 2016, have demonstrated that the combination of king tides, low atmospheric conditions and wind direction can cause the current level of the Stead Street stop bank to be overtopped. With the predicted GMSLR the effect of these events will only worsen.

With greater understanding about the reality of climate change an increase to the height of the Stead Street stop bank will reduce the risk of flooding for the Invercargill Airport, a key piece of critical emergency infrastructure for Southland, as well as ensuring access to Otatara along the Stead Street roadway during adverse events.

Emergency Management Southland believe this decision should be made in close cooperation with the other stakeholders who are responsible for flood protection in Invercargill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this matter.



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Federated Farmers of New Zealand
Submission on Invercargill City Council's
Draft Annual Plan 2017-2018

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SUBMISSION TO INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL ON THE DRAFT
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Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of our submission.

Summary of Submissions

General submissions

Federated Farmers supports Council's approach to consultation through the Draft Annual Plan.

We encourage Council to consider our submissions both in relation to the 2017 Annual Plan and in the development of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Proposed rates increase

Federated Farmers notes significant increases in revenue for some activities. However, we note these are either core services or that there is minimal rating impact.

We note that as a result of Council's targeted rating approach and the use of differentials, that rates increases for the example Farming properties provided are below the overall rates increase.

We support Council's targeted rating approach and use of differentials.

Proposed additional spending

Federated Farmers supports Council's preferred options for:

- The Stead Street Stopbank
- Festive Lights
- Invercargill Development
- Solid Waste

We have no opinion on the proposed Pools expenditure, noting these costs will be recovered through a combination of user charges and targeted rates.

We ask that the additional expenditure proposed for emerging events is funded through the Economic Development Base Targeted Rate.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.2 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit to Invercargill City Council's 2017 draft Annual Plan (DAP).
- 1.3 We provide feedback on matters addressed specifically through the DAP consultation document further in this submission. As a general view, we support the clear and concise way Council has explained and asked for feedback on the key issues being considered through the DAP, while at the same time ensuring the supporting information required for greater analysis is also available.
- 1.4 Federated Farmers recognises that preparation for the 2018 Long Term Plan (LTP) will commence in 2017, and that the 2018 LTP will form the primary basis for Council's investment and cost allocation decisions for the three years beyond that date.
- 1.5 Therefore, we are asking Council to consider our submission points in relation to both the 2017 Draft Annual Plan, and in the processes informing the 2018 LTP, as appropriate.

Summary of submission:

Federated Farmers supports Council's approach to consultation through the Draft Annual Plan.

We encourage Council to consider our submissions both in relation to the 2017 Annual Plan and in the development of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

2.1 Proposed rates increase

- 2.2 Federated Farmers notes the proposed overall rates increase for 2017/17 is 4.7 percent, slightly lower than the Council's Long Term Plan forecast of 5.49 percent. Total revenue is forecast to increase by 5.39 percent, slightly above LTP forecasts, and Operating expenditure is forecast to increase by 3.01 percent.
- 2.3 From a revenue perspective, Council's draft Funding Impact Statement indicates the majority of the increased revenue relates to Sewerage (increasing 14.7 percent), Solid Waste (4.4 percent), Water Supply (15 percent), Development and Regulatory services (5.4 percent), Environmental Health (17.5 percent), Community Development (44 percent), Corporate Services (13 percent), Urban Rejuvenation (31 percent). The remaining activity groups are either reducing or relatively static.
- 2.4 The majority of these activities are considered 'core services',¹ and are generally funded by targeted rates. The activities outside of these 'core services' which are facing significant increases in revenue are Community Development (44 percent), Corporate Services (13 percent), and Urban Rejuvenation (31 percent).

¹ "Core Services" are defined at section 11A of the Local Government Act as: network infrastructure, public transport services, solid waste collection and disposal, the avoidance or mitigation of natural hazards, libraries, museums, reserves, and other recreational facilities and community amenities.

- 2.5 In respect to increased revenue for Community Development and Urban Rejuvenation, the drivers for these increases are specifically discussed and outlined in Council's Consultation Document. In respect to the additional expenditure on Corporate Services, this presumably relates to the digitalising of property files, as outlined at page 16 of the Consultation Document. As discussed, the funding for this additional Corporate Services expenditure has no rating impact as it is funded from Reserves.
- 2.6 Federated Farmers notes that the example Farming properties used to outline proposed rates increase at page 9 of the consultation document show small increases. The additional expenditure is largely proposed for the urban area, and as a result of Council's targeted rates for these activities, farmers are not expected to pay unduly towards the additional spending.

Summary of submissions:

Federated Farmers notes significant increases in revenue for some activities. However, we note these are either core services or that there is minimal rating impact.

We note that as a result of Council's targeted rating approach and the use of differentials, that rates increases for the example Farming properties provided are below the overall rates increase.

We support Council's targeted rating approach and use of differentials.

We make comment on specific proposals further in this submission.

3.1 Proposed additional spending

- 3.2 Council's consultation document seeks specific feedback on six proposals for additional spending. As we outline in section 2 of this submission, we note these either have limited rating impact, or the activities are funded at least in significant part through targeted rates. This use of targeted rates limits the rating implications for Invercargill's farmer ratepayers.
- 3.3 A benefit of the targeted rating approach is that those who benefit from a council activity are asked to fund a significant proportion of that activity. As a consequence, Federated Farmers considers if there is limited rating impact for farmers, there is limited need to provide a farmer's perspective on additional expenditure.
- 3.4 Stead Street Stopbank – Federated Farmers notes there is no rating impact for the 2017/18 year. We would support Council undertaking further consultation with those directly affected by the proposal in the period leading up to the 2018 LTP, on both the costs of additional mitigation, and the risks of not renewing the stopbank.
- 3.5 Emerging Events – It is unclear from the Consultation Document whether the emerging events fund is funded through the Economic Development Base Rate, although we note the expenditure fits the criteria for this rate. Federated Farmers

seeks that the additional expenditure on emerging events is funded through the Economic Development Base Rate.

- 3.6 Festive Lights - Federated Farmers supports Council's preferred option, displaying the existing lights. Council may wish to revisit the issue leading up to the 2018 LTP if there is significant feedback through the annual plan process.
- 3.7 Invercargill Development – Federated Farmers supports Council's preferred option, option 2, to fund the \$500,000 required to investigate options from a reserve fund that has been established for the Invercargill City Centre redevelopment, with no rating impact.
- 3.8 Pools – Federated Farmers notes the Pools activity is funded through a combination of user charges, a uniform targeted rate, and a property value based targeted rate paid by those in the Residential and Lifestyle categories. The proposal will impact farmers only through an increase in the uniform targeted rate and through additional user charges, which we consider are appropriate. We have no opinion on the proposed expenditure.
- 3.9 Solid Waste - Federated Farmers supports Council's preferred option (option 1), to fund additional costs through user charges rather than rates.

Summary of submissions:

Federated Farmers supports Council's preferred options for:

- The Stead Street Stopbank
- Festive Lights
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- Solid Waste

We have no opinion on the proposed Pools expenditure, noting these costs will be recovered through a combination of user charges and targeted rates.

We ask that the additional expenditure proposed for emerging events is funded through the Economic Development Base Targeted Rate.

4.1 About Federated Farmers

- 4.2 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to comment Invercargill City Council's Draft Annual Plan 2017-2018.
- 4.3 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a voluntary, member-based organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers.
- 4.4 The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

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FROM

Healthy Families Invercargill

SPORT SOUTHLAND

Healthy Families Invercargill – making the healthy choice the easy choice

Healthy Families Invercargill is one of 10 Ministry of Health Healthy-funded Healthy Families NZ initiatives based around New Zealand and is aimed at increasing the health of our communities in the places where we live, learn, work and play – in our schools, workplaces, sports clubs, marae and places of worship.

This initiative challenges communities, including key leaders like local government, to think differently about the underlying causes of poor health, and to make changes.

Our focus areas are improved nutrition, increased physical activity, decreasing hazardous drinking and working towards New Zealand's 2025 smokefree goal.

Healthy Families Invercargill is pleased to have developed a strong partnership with the Invercargill City Council since its inception in 2014, thanks to the leadership shown by deputy mayor Darren Ludlow, who sits on the Healthy Families Invercargill Leadership.

- THANK YOU -

We would like to thank Council for its continued support for initiatives that Healthy Families Invercargill has been involved in.

This has included the mapping and stocktaking exercise which Council undertook, an interesting piece of work which identified the locality, spread and number of fast food, alcohol and cigarette retailers and their relation to schools, along with parks and playgrounds.

In the nutrition space, Council has added our Choice As Events guidelines to the council website, and included a 'healthy' question in its event funding application.

Council has also been involved in the creation and endorsed the Choice As Sizzle guide and actively promoted it to community groups.

Councillors and council staff were involved in the Community Alcohol hui process and have acknowledged that the resultant Our Voice report will be useful in future Local Alcohol Policy reviews.

Council has engaged with the Smokefree Murihiku network to develop smokefree policy in the city, with a special focus on the central business district.

Council has agreed, subject to funding, to allow a Disc Golf course to be established in Queens Park, offering a free, family-friendly physical activity opportunity which helps our community engage with nature.

Council has been involved in the creation and delivery of the MAD Day Out event as part of the Department of Conservation's Healthy Nature Healthy People initiative.

Councillors and council staff have supported and participated in ongoing work around our Events Network and the Alcohol Action teams which resulted from the Community Alcohol hui.

As the major sponsor of the ICC Surf to City over the past two years, Council showed leadership when partnering with Sport Southland and Healthy Families Invercargill to limit the amount of deep fried food and fizzy drink available at the finish line.

We believe these small, but significant, pieces of work, are excellent examples of the systems-based approach which is at the heart of the Healthy Families Invercargill initiative.

Council is in a unique position to enhance the lives of the community and ensure the healthy choice is the easy choice and we look forward to working together in the future.

SUBMISSION

1. **Support Council's plan to renew the Stead Street stopbank and recommend that the usage of the stopbank by walkers, runners and cyclists be taken into account when planning the renewal**

We support Option 1 – to renew the Stead Street stopbank.

We would also encourage Council to engage Sport Southland's expertise when considering the stopbank as a recreational asset for walkers, runners and cyclists.

2. **Support Council in increasing the Emerging Events Fund to \$150,000; recommend that this not be focussed solely on tourism-based events but also have scope to support events that focus on physical activity and/or health and wellbeing outcomes for residents**

We support Option 1 – to increase the Emerging Events Fund from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

We support Sport Southland's request that this not be the sole focus of the Emerging Events Fund, and that some weighting be given to events that also have health and wellbeing outcomes for residents.

As experienced event providers in this space, Sport Southland would offer support to any groups that were successful with accessing this fund and were offering events that focussed on activating residents or achieving health and wellbeing outcomes.

Healthy Families Invercargill has been well supported by Council in this regard, including the addition of our healthy event guidelines to the ICC website, and the inclusion of a question relating to healthy food and beverage provision which has been included within the ICC's funding application.

3. **Support for additional changing facilities at Splash Palace**

We support Option 1 – to proceed with building additional changing facilities at Splash Palace.

This is a well-used and well-run community facility and it is important that Council meets the demand and growth of this facility for the benefit of all users and so that it may continue to meet future demand. Healthy Families Invercargill is pleased to have

Splash Palace manager Pete Thompson on a local Events Network which aims, among other things, to put a healthy lens across local community events.

4. Recommend Council commit to supporting the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy

As per previous Sport Southland submissions to Council, Sport Southland has identified the need for the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy, and asks Council to consider committing to support this within its 2017-2018 Annual Plan.

A regional strategy is crucial to the alignment of the sport and recreation sector, as well as facility development and would assist Council in planning, development and future proofing both facilities and the sector in general.

Healthy Families Invercargill supports Sport Southland's request that Council considers committing, in principal, to support the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy within the 2017-2018 year.

5. Recommend Council commit to supporting the Local Good Food Network Group in order to encourage a thriving local food system

Council has shown great leadership within the local food system in a number of areas including;

- Support of South Alive which has successfully established a Fruit and Nut planting group and a community garden, and is launching a new social enterprise with a local food focus
- Allowing the planting of vegetable and fruit tree garden in Derwent Crescent playground
- Making the site of the Te Whenua Awhi Community Garden on Lithgow St available rent-free for community groups to operate a community garden

We would ask Council to support a Local Good Food Network to investigate further action including;

- Establishing a Food Policy Council convened and supported by the Invercargill City Council
- Support edible plantings in the city by introducing a benchmark of at least 5% of the Parks Department's planting budget (by value) to be planted in edible species
- Provide support to existing and newly established community gardens in Invercargill
- Work with the community to understand the types and location of food needed and desired by them

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Dear ICC Policy Team,

Please find attached a submission to the Invercargill City Council Annual Plan from the IncrEDIBLE Invercargill, Our Local Good Food Network group on local food.

Kind regards

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IncrEDIBLE Invercargill - Our Local Good Food Network Group Submission on Invercargill City Council Annual Plan

20 March 2017

We are a group of Invercargill residents, ratepayers, and business operators that want Invercargill to have a thriving local food system.

A thriving local food system would provide social, economic, cultural and health benefits to our city, as well as improving our community's resilience in the face of shocks and crises including natural disasters.

We acknowledge positive action that Invercargill City Council has taken in this area, including:

- Support of South Alive which has successfully establish a Fruit and Nut Tree Group and a community garden, and is launching a new social enterprise with a local food focus
- Allowing the planting of a vegetable and fruit tree garden in Derwent Crescent playground
- Making the site of the Te Whenua Awhi Community Garden on Lithgow Street available rent-free for community groups to operate a community garden.

Further action is needed. We ask the Invercargill City Council to:

- Establish a Food Policy Council convened and supported by Invercargill City Council.
- Support edible plantings in the city by introducing a benchmark of at least 5% of the Parks Department's planting budget (by value) to be planted in edible species.
- Provide support to existing and newly established community gardens in Invercargill.
- Work with the community to understand the type and location of food needed and desired by them.

Some of these items are cost neutral. Others would require funding. We ask the Council to explore whether funds earmarked for a "Chinese garden" can be used for projects that grow a resilient local food system.

Yours sincerely,

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FROM

SPORT SOUTHLAND

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SOUTHLAND'S REGIONAL SPORTS TRUST

Sport Southland and the Invercargill City Council have continued to develop and strengthen a positive working relationship over the past year.

The continued growth of this partnership will certainly benefit Invercargill City residents; as we work together to provide ongoing opportunities for participation in physical activity.

Sport Southland's vision is to see Everyone Active Every Day. Our purpose is enriching lives and building thriving communities through lifelong participation in sport and recreation and we see Council as a key strategic partner in achieving this.

We have certainly taken great strides towards our vision over the past year and look forward to taking this even further in the coming year.

- THANK YOU -

We would like to thank Council for its continued support of the sport and recreation sector. The provision and maintenance of spaces and places throughout Invercargill City is critical for residents to enjoy all of the benefits sport and recreation offers.

The support Council continues to provide to Sport Southland and Healthy Families Invercargill is also greatly appreciated.

Council's sponsorship of the ICC Surf to City continues to offer thousands of Invercargill residents a fun, family day out, the chance to get out and active with families and friends, and - thanks to the commitment of Council, Sport Southland and Healthy Families - healthy options.

We also thank you in advance for considering our following submission and look forward to continuing to work alongside Council to offer more and better initiatives and opportunities for people to enjoy sport and recreation - and get Everyone Active Every Day.

SUBMISSION

1. Support Council's plan to renew the Stead Street stopbank and recommend that the usage of the stopbank by walkers, runners and cyclists be taken into account when planning the renewal

We support Option 1 - to renew the Stead Street stopbank.

While Council indicates this renewal is predominantly to better protect the road, airport and residential area of Otatara from tidal flooding (a move we support), we ask that Council consider the usage of this stopbank when developing plans for renewal.

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The stopbank is well used by cyclists, walkers and runners, and we therefore ask that you use this renewal as an opportunity to benefit these users by upgrading the stopbank for this purpose.

Sport Southland would be happy to assist in recommendations based on user experience (whether this may mean widening the track or otherwise), and sees this as a positive opportunity to renew a well-used track as well as offer positive outcomes for Otatara residents, the airport and the road.

There is plenty of evidence to suggest the importance of taking recreational users of the stopbank into consideration.

Popularity of the setting for recreational use

The most popular setting for Southland adults to participate in sport and recreation is "outside on a path, cycleway or walkway in a town or city", with almost 54% of Southland adults indicating they have used this type of facility within the previous 12 months (15% more than the next most popular setting for participation). Further to this, walking, cycling and jogging/running make up three of the top four sport or recreation activities that adults in Southland were most interested in doing more of.

Free/low-cost opportunities for physical activity

Quality settings that offer free and/or low-cost participation in sport and recreation - such as the Stead St stopbank - are also becoming increasingly important to local communities, therefore it is crucial that users of these settings are taken into account when looking at upgrades or renewals even though they may not be the focus of the renewal.

There has been a decrease in participation in sport and recreation among adults in lower income households, and "too costly/can't afford it" is the second most common barrier to participation in a new activity identified by adults in Southland - this suggests a need for increased free or low cost quality opportunities for participation.

Aligning with the Southland Cycling Strategy

The Southland Cycling Strategy (2016-2026) has identified Sandy Point as an area to consider for the development of mountain biking. The renewal and development of the Stead St stopbank could be the basis of a fantastic link between Sandy Point and the inner city.

While we refer specifically to the Stead St stopbank in this submission, these are points of interest Council may like to consider when looking at other city developments/upgrades/renewals.

2. Support Council in increasing the Emerging Events Fund to \$150,000; recommend that this not be focussed solely on tourism-based events but also have scope to support events that focus on physical activity and/or health and wellbeing outcomes for residents

We support Option 1 - to increase the Emerging Events Fund from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

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Sport Southland notes from the Mayor's Comment that Council proposes to increase the events budget

"that includes producing movies, theatrical projects and major sporting competitions. This is one of the numerous initiatives aimed at attracting more people to our region."

We ask that this not be the sole focus of the Emerging Events Fund, and that some weighting be given to events that also have health and wellbeing outcomes for residents.

In Council's Long Term Plan (2015-2025) the success indicators for the Healthy Lifestyles and a Healthy Environment community outcome include

"Residents enjoy good physical and mental health"

and

"Residents participate routinely in recreational pursuits and active leisure"

Supporting events that focus on physical activity and health and wellbeing would certainly contribute to this outcome. Almost 20% of adults in Southland and 32% of young people in Otago/Southland have taken part in at least one event within the past year and the most common event adults in Southland noted having participated in were fun runs/walks.

In particular, investing in physical activity-based events so that they could be kept low cost would also address this barrier for lower socio economic communities and encourage increasing numbers of Invercargill residents to get involved with physical activity.

As experienced event providers in this space, Sport Southland would offer support to any groups that were successful with accessing this fund and were offering events that focussed on activating residents or achieving health and wellbeing outcomes.

3. Support for additional changing facilities at Splash Palace

We support Option 1 - to proceed with building additional changing facilities at Splash Palace.

Sport Southland applauds Council on the maintenance and ongoing running of Splash Palace. This is a fantastic facility for Invercargill and one that is clearly well used.

We note that the use of an indoor pool or aquatic centre to participate in sport and recreation is higher in Southland (21.4%) than New Zealand as a whole (18.3%) and particularly among women, which may be worth noting when looking at changing room space (participation rates for Southland adults in swimming were 24.3% for women and 15.8% for men).

Swimming remains a popular sport and recreation option for Southland adults, with 19.8% of adults indicating they had been swimming in the past 12 months. This figure firmly puts swimming among the top five sport and recreation activities that Southland adults participate in.

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It is important that Council meets the demand and growth of this facility for the benefit of all users and so that it may continue to meet future demand.

4. Recommend Council commit to supporting the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy

As per previous Sport Southland submissions to Council, Sport Southland has identified the need for the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy, and asks Council to consider committing to support this within its 2017-2018 Annual Plan.

A regional strategy is crucial to the alignment of the sport and recreation sector, as well as to facility development.

It would assist Council with the planning and development of facilities as well as future proofing facilities and the sector in general.

It would also assist with more informed decision making.

A regional strategy, supported by all three Territorial Authorities, would ensure the sport and recreation sector was more efficient and effective in achieving positive outcomes for all Southlanders and ensure an aligned approach that reflects regional and national priorities. It would also ensure new opportunities would be lined up against what our community needs and wants.

Sport and recreation has huge benefits to a region and its communities, but it is a changing environment that requires this more aligned approach. Invercargill's changing demographics, along with the Southland Regional Development Strategy, is likely to impact the sport and recreation sector.

As per our purpose, lifelong participation in sport and recreation enriches lives and helps to build thriving communities. We want the sector to flourish for the benefit of all Southlanders and feel a regional strategy would certainly assist with that.

Therefore, Sport Southland asks that Council considers committing, in principal, to support the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy within the 2017-2018 year.

5. Recommend Council looks into ways to meaningfully engage with communities regarding work that progresses

We congratulate Council on your consultation document and appreciate the opportunity to submit to the Annual Plan 2017-2018.

We would recommend that, should work progress as per this document (i.e. the extension of Splash Palace changing rooms, or the renewal of the Stead Street stopbank) that meaningful community engagement is undertaken and the views of residents/facility users and potential users are both sought and addressed during planning for work to progress. This would give meaningful insight into the needs of residents, highlighting further opportunities and increasing resident buy-in for the changes.

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Re: ICC 2017/18 Draft Annual Plan – Otatara Landcare Group (OLG)

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission, we would like the opportunity to speak in support of our submission.

The Otatara Landcare Group (OLG) has the following suggestions that we would like to have incorporated into the 2017/18 ICC annual plan.

Community initiatives

The OLG lead a major community restoration project at **Bushy Point** in the south-eastern corner of Otatarā. This restoration project has a public walkway, revegetation, pest control, weed control, recreation and education components. Southland Girls High School and Otatarā Primary School along with Tacoma College from Washington State have annual workdays and are actively involved in the restoration work undertaken. The Bushy Point restoration programme has annual costs in excess of \$10,000. To date c. 26,000 plants have been planted since the year 2000 (including since 2011, 14,500 through the Living Legends project). Each plant costs approximately \$8 when purchase, combi guard, site preparation and three years of maintenance are all factored in. **We seek a contribution of \$4000 towards costs** for purchase of native plants, combi guards, plant maintenance, pest control, track maintenance and other costs.

The **Otatara Pestbusters** (this group operates under the umbrella of the OLG) are actively involved in undertaking pest control in six Otatarā ICC Reserves. **We seek a contribution of \$1000** towards the continuation of work in these ICC reserves. The Otatarā Pestbusters and local community is actively involved in pest in sites throughout Otatarā. The Otatarā Pestbusters and OLG wish to continue to expand the pest control undertaken. To this end **we request a contribution of an additional \$1000**.

We also support the submissions seeking funding contributions for the Southland Community Nursery and Environment Centre Bush by Chris Rance and for Bush Haven by May and Russell Evans.

Planning

- The OLG would like ICC to put more emphasis promoting the natural values of Otatarā to residents and to work with the Otatarā Landcare Group to keep informing new residents of those values including the ICC sending out information about significant vegetation to new property owners in the form of a "Welcome to Otatarā package".
- We would also like Council to encourage, through advocacy, the removal of non-native plants and their replacement with locally sourced natives – particularly as a condition of resource consent applications.

Roading

- The OLG supports the renewing of the Stead Street Stopbank to protect the airport Stead Street and parts of Otatara from flooding.
- The OLG would like to see the ICC contribute to the next section of the Invercargill to Bluff walkway/cycle way. This contribution will contribute to a faster completion of this walkway/ cycle way. This walkway/cycle way is a section of the Te Araroa national walkway. The Te Araroa walkway is becoming increasingly popular and walking along this busy road is increasingly unsafe and reflects poorly on the ICC.
- The OLG would like better weed control and footpath maintenance along the footpath at the Bus stop end of Marama Ave South. Also that ICC look into the pedestrian use of Marama Ave North and work on the parking issue outside the Otatara school.
- We congratulate ICC on the bikeway across the Estuary into Invercargill – this gets very good use. We would also like the ICC to investigate the development of a walkway/cycle way along the western edge of the New River Estuary from Stead Street to Bryson Road in Otatara. This would then join with OLG Bushy Point restoration project.

Parks & Reserves

- The OLG is pleased to see the employment of an additional staff member with responsibility for native bush reserves and we hope that this will increase conservation management especially weed and pest control of ecological reserves particularly Otatara Scenic Reserve, Parnell Sanctuary, Raeburn Reserve, John Street Reserve, Matua Road Reserve, Bowmans Bush, Sandy Point Recreation Reserve and others. Otatara Scenic Reserve continues to be degraded by the expansion of sycamore, blackberry and other weeds, and though we are pleased to see some work being done on the sycamore problem, much more needs to be done.
- The OLG would like to see additional protection of the fragile and naturally rare salt marsh and coastal turf ecosystems at Sandy Point (adjacent to the road end and adjacent to the north end of Oreti Beach. Both of these areas require fencing or other measures to prevent the vehicle access which is damaging these important ecosystems. The protection of naturally rare ecosystems has been identified as a national biodiversity priority.

Thank you for considering this submission by the Otatara Landcare Group.

Yours faithfully

Barry Smith
Chairman
Otatara Landcare Group

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Melanie Brierley

From: Melanie Brierley
Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2017 4:34 p.m.
To: Policy
Subject: RE: Submission to ICC Annual Plan Consultation 2017
Attachments: ICCAnnualPlanConsultation2017-LocalFood-NathanSurendran.docx

Hi Melissa

I have downloaded the submission from the link and this is attached to the email.

I will save this whole email into submissions.

Kind Regards Mel



From: Melissa Short **On Behalf Of** Policy
Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2017 3:26 p.m.
To: Melanie Brierley
Subject: FW: Submission to ICC Annual Plan Consultation 2017

Please can you make this work ☺

From: Nathan Surendran [<mailto:nathan@schema.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2017 1:46 p.m.
To: Policy
Cc: Stella O'Connor; Rochelle Surendran
Subject: Submission to ICC Annual Plan Consultation 2017

Dear ICC Policy Team,

Please find my submission on local food, including references, at this link:
http://bit.ly/NS_ICC2017AP_LocalFood

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Surendran

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(sent from my phone, excuse auto correct errors!)

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Submission - Local Food - Nathan Surendran

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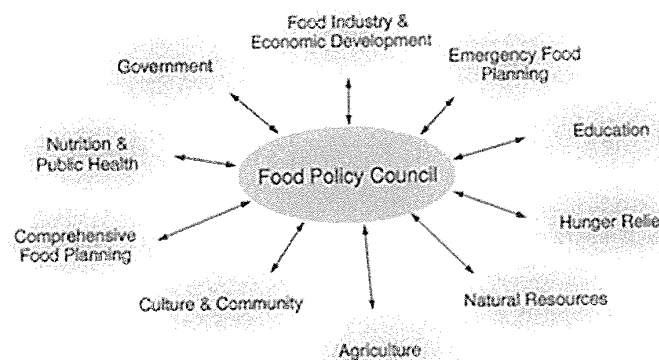
My submission to the Invercargill City Council annual plan consultation focuses on issues relating to local food policy. Local body politics globally¹ has recognised the shifting trends in security of food supply, accessibility of healthy food, etc, and has been engaging in strategic thinking on food, to help manage this risk. I am making this submission because I believe that the need for strategy, policy, and action on issues pertaining to food at the local level is apparent, but under-developed.

This submission calls for the establishment of a 'Food Policy Council' for Invercargill, and the creation of a specific policy aimed at increasing the availability of edible planting to ratepayers.

Food Policy Council:

I call for the establishment of a Food Policy Council convened and supported by the council. "The central aim of most Food Policy Councils is to identify and propose innovative solutions to improve local or state food systems, spurring local economic development and making food systems more environmentally sustainable and socially just." There is a significant body of work and experience that can be drawn on to help shape how this can look in Invercargill.²

A food policy council takes a strategic approach to food at a local level³:



¹ <http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/vdb/document/741>

² <https://foodfirst.org/publication/food-policy-councils-lessons-learned/>

³ http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/food_policy_council

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What is unique about a Food Policy Council⁴?

- First, the process involves a diverse group of individuals discussing a broad range of food and agricultural topics. By using a “food systems” approach—which involves discussion about food production, processing, distribution, and retail sales, a detailed investigation into food and agriculture opportunities can occur.
- Second, Councils include officials from government agencies responsible for policy decisions affecting a municipal food system, e.g., City staff members, Park Board Commissioners and School Trustees. Experience shows that outside an FPC convening, these officials have little incentive or opportunity to talk with others in government to coordinate delivery of related programs.
- Third, the Councils create an environment in which people are able to ask questions usually not asked. For example, “How much food consumed is raised locally?”, “Does the municipality make efforts to purchase local food?”, and “What is the city’s hunger problem?”

In light of the above (and the supporting information in the ‘Further references’ below), I request Invercargill City Council works actively to facilitate the creation of a local Food Policy Council for Invercargill. The work already undertaken by Healthy Families Southland (contact Stella O’Connor) in the facilitation of a ‘Local Food Network’ is a starting point for this. “Establishing a local ‘Food Policy Council’”⁵ from Toi Te Ora gives guidance in the New Zealand context. You can also contact Toi Te Ora (BOP DHB) who have a staff member to support the development of a local Food Policy Council in that region, and provide initial administrative support for more developed thinking.

I ask the Council to explore whether funds earmarked for a “Chinese garden” can be used for projects that support growing a resilient local food system.

Specific Policy Change:

Independently of my request above, I also request that the council introduce a program to incrementally increase the amount of edible planting by the parks department across the city:

- Allocate an initial 5% of the parks planting budget for an experiment with edible planting that is also ornamental.
 - Design this change so that it is cost neutral to the ratepayers.
 - Indicate ‘ready for harvest’ with simple, movable signage.
 - Ensure that locations planted meet basic health and safety and common sense considerations - e.g. not central reservations on busy roads.
- Work with the community to understand the type and location of food desired by them.
- Monitor and tweak this yearly, as species and locations that ‘work’ in the local context are identified.

⁴ <http://www.vancouverfoodpolicycouncil.ca/food-policy-resources/what-is-food-policy/>

⁵ <http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/vdb/document/1183>

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- Aim to maximise planting of edible and medicinal plants over time, through incremental changes each budget period.
- Benefits of the above policy change include:
 - Increased access to edible foods for ratepayers, providing an economic return on their rates through lowered food costs.
 - Increased opportunities for social interactions during harvesting periods.
 - Increased understanding of edible food, and a store of local seed (if open pollinating varieties are utilised) for improved community resilience.

Further References - food for thought:

- A. Pinning Big Hopes on Small Food Policy <http://bit.ly/2mYoefg> -
"But if cities will not be for the food that urban residents depend on for life, who will? And if they do not do something pro-active now, when? That line of questioning is behind the rapid rise of food policy councils. ...I was there to speak about a third model – a council of community and food sector leaders, organized by a City staffer paid by the public health department, and accountable to the city's Medical Officer of Health and Board of Public Health."
- B. Magnitude 8.2: The disaster scenario on New Zealand's most dangerous fault <http://bit.ly/2nBhGX7> - Landslides are projected to cut off transportation routes (along which all food is trucked into the region) for months. Southland / Otago are dangerously exposed.
- C. Creating Tomorrow - Food - Dr Wayne Cartwright <http://bit.ly/1u1iEp1>
- D. Brace for the oil, food and financial crash of 2018 <http://bit.ly/2mYaaT6>
- E. Bristol - food action plan overview <http://bit.ly/2nBhel6>
- F. Local Food Networks and Policy Implementation in Christchurch and Dunedin: A Comparative Case Study (2016): <http://bit.ly/2n4THOq>
- G. Dunedin - Blueskin and Karitane Food System Report <http://bit.ly/29hAnGi>

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Return by 5pm, 22 March.

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Presentation of submission

Please tick as appropriate. If neither of the boxes is ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to be heard.

I wish to speak to the Mayor and Councillors about my submission.

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

Other Ideas?

If you have a different option for any of the issues that you think Council should consider, please tell us.

Tips for making an effective submission

- ◆ Head each of your topics with a title so we clearly know what issue you are submitting on. Make it clear what you are supporting or opposing and give reasons why.
- ◆ Bullet points help you form ideas clearly and are easy for the Mayor and Councillors to read.
- ◆ Dark coloured pens make it easier to read and copy your submission.

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Stead Street Stopbank (Refer page 10)

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Events (Refer page 11)

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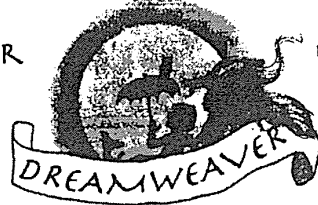
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DOG LAWS

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I take this opportunity to speak for the lifestyle of our dogs, again, and I would like to emphasise that I have not found one jurisdiction, yet, that is as restrictive as it is here.

In fact, even here in New Zealand there are many towns and cities with much more inclusive by-laws. In Wellington workplaces are showing that resident dogs release tension, make friendships, relax tense customers. In the cities I visit internationally I see dog laws that allow more freedom for responsible dog owners.

I am including in this submission, two different city's dog control by-laws which I believe would serve Invercargill very well, but I have read so many more on the internet and none of them prevent dogs with responsible owners from walking freely in all their urban areas – on lead and with means to remove their excreta should they drop any. Mind you, it is sometimes hard to find somewhere to dispose of the bags and that can cause people to think twice.

Also it amazes me that this is one of the issues people keep raising and yet what about the duck/bird droppings, cat droppings and human mess which my two stop to smell whenever we walk out?

Again, these cities have laws to state that dogs must not just be housed, watered and fed but also exercised and trained.

We say we value the amazing contribution to so many aspects of our lives that our canine friends make but we treat them as if they are things without any real feelings to be used for our pleasure or convenience..

How do we expect a creature which we acknowledge is a pack animal to be truly socialised if it is prevented from being with its pack, it's humans, most of the time?

Everywhere I go I meet people faced with this dilemma – how do I prevent my beloved canine friend from becoming territorial when I cannot allow my dog to accompany me except on specific dog exercise outings?

Surely part of the reason we have territorial dogs is because they are prevented from truly being part of the family.

Surely one of the reasons children and adults are often uneasy when they see dogs, even leashed dogs, is because they are so rarely seen out and about. Also, because some breeds are maligned.

In other jurisdictions where I visit responsible people are trusted to use judgement about their beloved canines ensuring they are socially acceptable. Then they are permitted most places.

When I registered my dogs I committed to house them properly, to keep them on lead off property, except in dog free places, to pick up their faeces, to socialise them and ensure that they were not left unsupervised with small children.

Until I fail in this, surely I should be permitted to have them with me wherever I wish to in order to enrich our lives.

Those of us who are responsible, and it is acknowledged that well into 90 plus % of those with dogs in their lives are indeed responsible, will ensure that our dogs are well behaved in public.

We do not want our valued friends to be disliked, feared or shunned.

Dogs bring joy and delight into rest homes, hospice, prisons, even hospitals sometimes.

and schools, of course
Indeed, when we manage to find ways to share their personalities we discover for ourselves the scientific truth that pets help knit communities together, they reduce social isolation, they connect people.

I know that because I have found a way to legally have my two with me and they have become known and liked and asked after by many people.

Children ask for them by name, they have learned how to approach them, they share their experiences with dogs and ask me about those experiences.

I have wept with a child who has lost a beloved pet, or whose family dog has died, I have discussed why a dog has behaved badly, what to do to try and prevent such experiences.

They tell me the funny and warm things their dogs do in their families and sometimes even discover a way to begin to manage a fear they may have had.

None of this would have happened if Candy and Bonnie were not there with me to be met.

Another reason frequently given for restrictive dog laws is fear of dogs.

If I had a dollar for every time my dogs made me and others smile I would be rich with dollars.

Humans have many and varied fears but those of us who care will ensure that these are minimised. My dogs have accompanied me in the city schools every year for well past 20 years and, although there must have been students afraid of dogs, there has not been an issue as we manage it.

Remember:

A dangerous dog is one not given the right amount of care by its owner and it is true that, as with people, a dog is a product of its environment.

We need to police the unregistered selling of puppies and ensure that only registered breeders can sell as they will see their puppies go to homes where they are cared for and neutered at the right age. Both the people from whom I have bought puppies follow through and take back dogs they do not believe are cared for adequately.

What we need to recognise is the fact that whatever rules you make those who do not provide the right environment, those who do not give the right amount of care to the dogs for which they have accepted responsibility, will not change.

The changes to our law regarding dogs should free the restrictions placed on responsible owners and increase the penalties for non-compliance.

There are about 8,000 (or maybe more) registered dogs in Invercargill so there must be a considerable number of responsible owners. Why so many restrictions are placed on these valuable members of our lives is puzzling. Especially since there is not a malicious bone in any dog's body.

There is no reason why responsible owners should subsidise those who don't comply
Yes, it will be harder at first until people get the message but nothing happens without some effort.

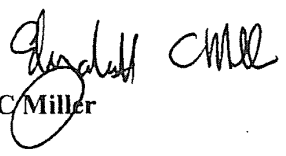
Perth, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Jonesborough, UK, France and many other jurisdictions made the effort and changed the culture in their cities.

And it looks as if Wellington is taking some positive steps.

We can do it, too.



Signed:



Elizabeth C Miller

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PART 4—DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

4.1 Places where dogs are prohibited absolutely

(1) Subject to section 8 of the Act and section 66J of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984, dogs are prohibited absolutely from entering or being in any of the following places—

(a) a public building, unless permitted by a sign;

(b) a theatre or picture gardens;

(c) food business premises (other than an alfresco area) or a food transport vehicle for the purposes of the Food Act 2008;

(d) a public swimming pool; and

(e) those beaches, reserves and freehold land marked as 'prohibited' in the Second Schedule.

(2) Clause 4.1(e) does not apply to a built path or bridge that may be within the areas Listed.

(3) If a dog enters or is in a place specified in subclause (1), every person liable for the control of the dog at that time commits an offence.

Dogs in Public Places

Many people are frightened or annoyed by dogs that are not leashed in public areas. At no time should your dog become a nuisance or impede other people's enjoyment.

Dogs must be under your control at all times, whether or not it is on a lead.

Local governments may declare a dog "dangerous" if it attacks, shows a tendency to attack or repeatedly rushes, threatens or chases people or animals.

Once your dog is declared dangerous, or if it is a restricted breed, you will have to put a muzzle on it at all times in a public place.

It will also need to wear a special red and yellow striped collar, which will identify it as a dangerous dog.

1. Roaming dogs
2. \$20,000 fines for dog attacks
3. Preventing dog attacks
4. When dogs need to be on a leash
5. Dog excreta

Roaming dogs

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Dogs that roam are potentially a public safety risk to motorists, pedestrians and other animals. Irresponsible owners will be liable for any injuries or damage caused by their dog.

Dog attacks on adults are caused mostly by dogs roaming outside their owners' properties. Children who come into contact with roaming dogs at parks and other public places are more vulnerable to dog attacks.

Keep your dog adequately confined on your property and follow the rules of responsible pet ownership to help prevent your dog attacking someone.

Roaming dogs often approach and sometimes attack other dogs.

Everyone is entitled to walk in their neighbourhood without being harassed or attacked by uncontrolled and often quite frightening dogs.

Even if your dog is well behaved, it can be frightening to other people if it is roaming unattended.

Although you may think your dog is unlikely to attack a person, roaming dogs often approach and sometimes attack other dogs. Responsible pet owners and their dogs are often targets of these attacks.

\$20,000 fines for dog attacks

A dog attack is a very serious matter. If your dog attacks a person or another animal, you will be held responsible even if you are not there at the time.

Serious dog attacks

Recent amendments to the Act have introduced separate penalties for a serious dog attack where physical injury occurs, and a minor dog attack where no physical injury occurs.

This means that a dog attack can include a dog aggressively rushing at or attempting to attack a person or animal, as well as tearing clothing, biting or causing physical injury.

Court imposed penalties

Court imposed penalties for dog attacks range from \$3,000 to \$20,000 depending on the seriousness of the attack and whether the dog is known to be dangerous. A local government may also choose to issue an infringement notice.

If you urge your dog to attack, you may receive a penalty of up to \$10,000 and 12 months imprisonment, or \$20,000 and 2 years imprisonment for dangerous dogs.

You may have a defence if your dog is provoked, attacked or abused, or if someone unlawfully enters your premises, including a private residence or vehicle.

Local governments may seek a court order for a dog to be destroyed if it has attacked and caused injury or damage.

Liability for injury or damage

The dog's owner is also liable for any injury or damage resulting from a dog attack. A person who has been attacked may take private legal action for any injury or damage.

Preventing dog attacks

To reduce the potential for dog attacks, dog owners should:

- Limit the risky genetics (select an appropriate breed).
- Understand the animal.
- Train the animal.
- Limit the risky circumstances (restrain the animal in potential attack situations).

When dogs need to be on a leash

In urban areas, your dog must always be on a leash in public, except at designated dog exercise areas.

Fines

As the owner, you can be given an on-the-spot fine of \$200 for not having your dog on a leash or for allowing it to roam.

If the matter goes to court, the penalty could be up to \$5000.

Dog exercise areas

Check with your local government for the location of dog exercise areas in your local area. Even in dog exercise areas, dog owners should still carry a leash at all times, and ensure the dog remains in reasonable proximity.

Dangerous dogs

If a local government declares your dog a "dangerous dog" or it is a restricted breed, then it must be kept on a leash in public places at all times even if it is in a dog exercise area.

Dog excreta

When exercising your dog in a public place, you should always clean up after it.

Most local governments have local laws that require the person in charge of a dog in a public place to remove their dog's excreta and dispose of it.

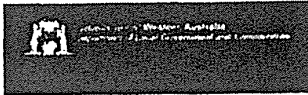
There are penalties for not doing so. Some local governments provide "plastic poo bags" and animal waste bins so that you can keep the environment clean for the enjoyment of others.

Dog excreta in the garden should also be removed daily to reduce fly and health related problems.

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08-21) 17:25 PDT SACRAMENTO -- Your dog can now join you for dinner out under legislation signed Thursday by Gov. Jerry Brown.

The law, which takes effect Jan. 1, overturns a ban on pets at restaurants. While many cafes, brew pubs and steak houses have long allowed dogs on their decks and patios, technically it was illegal.

The legislation gives restaurants the option of permitting pooches in outside dining areas. Discretion to allow dogs, though, remains with the eatery.

Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada, D-Davis, pushed the bill to clear up confusion about the legality of pets at restaurants. Many places were flouting the law.

San Francisco

SEC. 40. DOG TO BE CONTROLLED SO AS NOT TO COMMIT NUISANCES. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having control or custody of any dog to permit the animal to

defecate upon the public property of this City or upon the private property of another unless the person immediately remove the faeces and properly dispose of it; provided, however, that nothing herein contained authorizes such person to enter upon the private property of another without permission.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to walk a dog on public property of this City or upon the private property of another without carrying at all times a suitable container or other suitable instrument for the removal and disposal of dog faeces.

(c) Visually handicapped persons who use Seeing Eye Guide Dogs are exempt from this law. (Amended by Ord. 420s78, App. 9/8/78)

SEC. 40.5. PROTECTION FOR DOGS IN MOTOR VEHICLES. It shall be unlawful to transport a dog in a motor vehicle upon any street within the City and County of San Francisco unless the dog is fully enclosed within the motor vehicle or is protected by a belt, tether, cage, container or other device that will prevent the dog from falling, jumping or being thrown from the motor vehicle. (Added by 49I-84, App. 12/13/84)

SEC. 40.6. ENCLOSURE OF ANIMALS IN MOTOR VEHICLES. No dog or other animal shall be left completely enclosed in a parked vehicle without adequate ventilation, or in such a way as to subject the animal to extreme temperatures which may adversely affect the animal's health and welfare. (Added by Ord. 166-85, App. 3/28/85)

SEC. 41. DEFINITIONS. As used in Sections 41.1 through 41.13, inclusive, of this Article, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings

(a) "At large" shall mean any dog off the premises of its owners and not under restraint by a leash, rope or chain of not more than eight (8) feet in length, and any other animal not under physical restraint.

(b) "Animal" shall mean and include any bird, mammal, reptile, or other dumb creature: except fish.

(c) "City and County" shall mean the City and County of San Francisco.

(d) "Dog" shall include female as well as male dogs.

(e) "Health Officer" shall mean the Director of the Department of Public Health of the City and County, or any employee of said Department or other person authorized by said officer to act on his or her behalf

(f) "Hoofed Animal" shall mean and include horse, mare, gelding, mule, burro, sheep, cow, goat or any other animal with a hoofed foot

(g) "Owner" shall mean any person who possesses, has title to or an interest in, harbours or has control, custody or possession of an animal, and the verb forms of "to own" shall include all those shades of meaning.

(h) "Person" shall mean and include corporations, estates, associations, partnership and trusts, as well as one or more individual human beings.

(i) "Barking Dog" is defined as a dog that barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise continuously and incessantly for a period of 10 minutes to the disturbance of any other person.

(j) "Animal Care and Control Department" shall mean the department under the Chief Administrative Officer authorized to perform the functions described in Sections 41.4 and 41.5 of this Article and any other ordinance or law that delegates such authority to the Animal Care and Control Department or its Directors

(k) "Animal Control Officer" or "Animal Care and Control Officer" shall mean the Director of the Animal Care and Control Department. (Added by Ord. 3B6-75; amended by Ord. 182-89, App. 6/5/89)

SEC 41.5.1. BITING DOGS. For purposes of this Section a biting dog shall be defined as follows: Any dog that bites any person or other animal in the City and County of San Francisco, provided, however, that the person or animal bitten was not at the time either provoking or teasing the dog without cause. For the purposes of this Section, the records of dog bites kept by the Department of Public Health shall be deemed official records and shall establish a rebuttal presumption of the number of bites recorded.

SEC. 41.12. DUTIES OF OWNERS.

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(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal, other than a domestic cat, to permit said animal to run at large within the City and County; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to any area under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission of the City and County, and which has been designated by said Commission as an animal exercise area.

1. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit said animal to be within an area designated as an animal exercise area unless said owner is physically present at all times during which the animal is within said area.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit said animal to breed on public property; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to departments of the City and County, recognized educational institutions, licensed clinical laboratories, or medical research facilities which are in conformity with Federal or State laws.

(c) The owner of any animal shall provide proper and adequate food, water, shelter, care, exercise and attention for such animals.

(d) Any person who shall keep or permit to remain on any premises within the City and County of San Francisco any "Barking Dog" as defined in Section 41(i) of this Code, is guilty of a violation of this ordinance, provided that, during the time the dog is barking, no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass or no person is teasing or provoking the dog.

(e) Any two unrelated persons, living in different households within 300 feet of the location of the disturbance who are disturbed by a "Barking Dog" as defined in Section 41(i) of this Code may, after signing an affidavit setting forth the information in this subsection, request a police officer to issue a citation to the owner of the dog causing the disturbance for violation of Subsection (e) of this Section. (Added by Ord. 287-76, App. 7/16176)

SEC. 41.15. DOGS: DOG LICENSE FEE LICENSING REQUIREMENT; FEES; TERM OF

LICENSE. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or have control of any dog without having obtained a current San Francisco license for such dog, which license shall be renewed no later than 30 days after the date of expiration, as herein provided.

(a) Every person owning, keeping or having control of any dog over the age of four months within the City and County of San Francisco shall within 30 days after the dog attains the age of four months or within 30 days of obtaining the dog, obtain a current license for each dog so owned, kept or controlled.

(b) New residents shall have 30 days in which to acquire a current San Francisco license for each dog owned, kept or controlled within the City and County.

(c) Such dog license shall be issued upon payment, in advance, of a license fee and upon satisfactory proof of antirabies vaccination and shall be valid for a specified term from the date of issuance, all as provided in Section 41.18. The Department of Animal Care and Control, the Tax Collector and any other authorized licensing entity issuing said certificate, is hereby authorized to charge, and any person requesting said license shall pay, a fee for each such license, according to the following scale and subject to the exceptions set forth in this Article:

(1) \$24 for a one-year license;

(2) \$45 for a two-year license;

(3) \$66 for a three-year license, issued only upon proof that such dog is 12 months of age or older.

SEC. 41.16. REDUCTION IN FEE-SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. The following reductions in the fees provided for in Section 41.15(c) shall be available under the following circumstances:

(1) For each dog neutered or spayed in accordance with this Article, the license shall be prorated, as follows:

(A) \$12 for a one-year license;

(B) \$21 for a two-year license;

(C) \$30 for a three-year license.

(2) If the owner or guardian of a dog is 65 years of age or older, the license fee shall not exceed 50 percent of the applicable fee set forth in Section 41.15(c) or 50 percent of the applicable fee set forth above. (Added by Ord. 280-92, App. 8/31/92; amended by Ord. 472-96, App. 12/13/96; Ord. 153-02, File No. 021077, App. 7/12/2002; Ord. 5-03, File No. 021645, App. 1/24/2003)

Leash Laws California

Whatever may be said about the affection which mankind has for a faithful companion, modern city conditions no longer permit dogs to run at large.

- CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL

Long gone from most of America are the days when you could answer a longing whine from your dog by opening the back door and letting it roam the neighborhood at will. Besides the fact that many people live in apartment buildings where back doors open onto upper-story balconies, roaming dogs are considered outlaws almost everywhere, either by state law or by city or county ordinance.

"Leash laws" generally require dogs to be on a leash and under control whenever they're off their owners' property, unless a specific area is designated for unleashed dogs. Some laws apply only at night (when dogs may form packs and do the most damage to livestock) or allow an owner to have a dog unleashed if it is under "reasonable control."⁸ Even dog owners who let their dogs off a leash only because they're confident they have complete control over them are probably in violation of a leash law.

The intensity of enforcement, however, varies from city to city and neighborhood to neighborhood. In many places, an owner is unlikely to be cited if the dog really is under voice control and not bothering anyone, even if in technical violation of a leash law. But in some cities, police enforce leash laws strictly, especially if they have received complaints about unleashed dogs in a certain area. Ask about the custom in your neighborhood. A police department may have adopted an informal policy of not issuing citations in the early morning if a dog is under control, but strictly enforcing the leash law in a crowded park where a surfeit of dogs have made it unpleasant or unusable for others.

Walking a Dog Off-Leash

Dog parks Across the country, dog owners' groups, frustrated by strict leash laws, are championing city parks with areas set aside just for dogs. People can turn their pets loose and then, like parents at the edge of a playground, watch, scold, and applaud the results. The idea seems to have originated in Berkeley, California, where a fenced half-acre of Ohlone Park was set aside for dogs in 1979. The Ohlone Park Dog Owners Association, now a nonprofit corporation, still oversees the park. Like other such groups, it encourages owners to clean up after their dogs and provides plastic bags near trash cans.

LAW AND ORDER IN SUBURBAN LOS ANGELES

Here's a legal interpretation problem for you: If the law requires a dog to be on a leash, does the owner have to be holding on to the other end?

Jean Bessette of Van Nuys, California, was ticketed for walking his Labrador retriever, Rex, without a leash. Bessette protested that the dog was on a leash. The problem was that Bessette wasn't holding the other end of the leash - Rex was, in his mouth.

Bessette and Rex went to court, where Rex balanced dog biscuits on his nose to show how well trained he was. The pair got off with a warning.

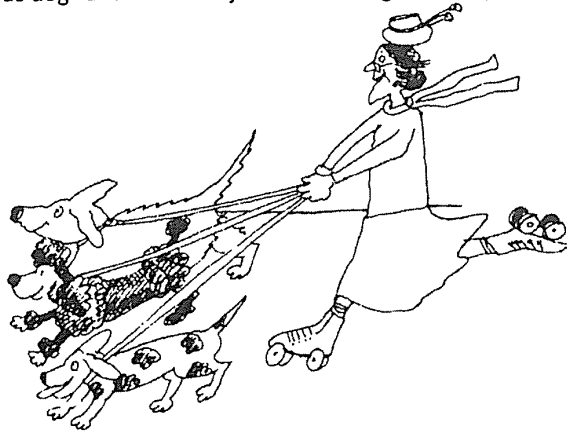
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Dogs Running at Large

A dog running loose can be picked up and taken to the animal shelter by municipal or county animal control officers. The owner will be fined and charged for the cost of impounding the dog. (See "Impounding and Destroying Dogs," below.) If the dog is unlicensed, there will be another fine as well.

There are other risks to allowing a dog to run at large. Of course, there's the obvious danger that the dog will be hit by a car. Owners are also letting themselves in for financial liability if the dog causes trouble - bites someone or makes a bicyclist fall, for example. To take an extreme example, in 1983, two men were severely injured when the driver of a truck in which they were riding swerved to avoid hitting a dog that had run into the road. They sued the dog's owner, and a judge awarded them \$2.6 million.⁹ (Liability is discussed in detail in Dog Bites.)

Dogs who damage property or injure livestock while running at large may be subject to other laws - including the "shoot first, ask questions later" rule that prevails in most rural areas, allowing a farmer to kill any dog that's threatening livestock. And if a dog threatens or injures a person, it may be classified as a "vicious dog" and made subject to strict regulations (See Dangerous Dogs).



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Dogs in Oakland

1. Dog License (O.M.C. 6.04.030)

All dogs (four months or older) must be registered and licensed and must wear a current license tag at all times. All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies before a license may be issued. Discounts are given for dogs that are spayed/neutered.

2. Microchipping (O.M.C. 6.04.050)

All dogs (four months or older) must be microchipped and this microchip number must be registered with Oakland Animal Services. Dogs can be microchipped at Oakland Animal Services for \$10.

3. Three Dog Limit (O.M.C. 6.04.400)

It is unlawful to have more than three dogs to a household (unless all dogs had current licenses on January 1, 2006 and have maintained current licenses). Individuals that would like to have more than three dogs can apply for a permit through Oakland Animal Services.

4. Leash Required (O.M.C. 6.04.070)

Dogs are not permitted to run at large. They must be kept confined to an owner's home/yard or under control of a leash (not over six feet in length) at all times.

5. Barking Dogs (O.M.C. 6.04.310)

It is against the law to allow any animal to disturb the peace and comfort of others.

6. Humane and Sanitary Care (O.M.C. 6.04.300, Cal Pen Code 597f)

Dogs must have appropriate food, water and shelter. Animal quarters must be kept clean, sanitary and secure. Dog must receive proper care and attention.

7. Dangerous Dogs (O.M.C. Chapter 6.08)

It is unlawful to keep a dog that creates a significant risk of injury to life or property. Owners that are determined to have dogs that are potentially dangerous or dangerous must abide by requirements to continue to keep their dog(s).

8. Chaining or Tethering Dogs (Cal Pen Code 597f)

In California, it is illegal to tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain a dog to a stationary object, such as a dog house, tree or fence; unless, the dog's guardian is nearby and is performing a temporary task. Dogs on a running line, pulley or trolley system can not be attached to it with a choke collar or pinch collar.

9. Dog Fighting (Cal Pen Code 597.5)

In California, it is a felony to own, possess, keep, or train any dog, to fight with another dog, or to cause dogs to fight for the purpose of amusement or gain. It is a misdemeanor to be at spectator at such an event.

Oakland Police Department - Oakland Animal Services

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Melanie Brierley

From: David and Chris Henderson <henderson.farm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2017 11:26 p.m.
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this Plan.
Invercargill has been my city of choice and inspiration as well as my birthplace.

The Mayor's comments resonate with me so I have one or two thoughts about the subjects he raises.

Water reticulation
A revolving fund to encourage householders to install their own rainwater tanks for times of shortage, for mainly greywater use, and to take the pressure of aquifers and the Oreti river to complement Council improvements.

Stead Street Stop-bank
An alternative to more engineering could be suitable native planting to buffer and provide a further protective barrier to low-lying areas.

Splash Palace
Perhaps an adjacent health and sports medicine pool might be the answer to future need?

Attracting more people to Invercargill.

A low-carbon city could attract many 'bright young things' and their families.
Promoting the creative arts, education, IT, food-growing potential, the Province's natural attributes and the genuine qualities of its people have much to be commended.

You have already acknowledged the reality of Climate Change and that we need to plan very carefully for a sustainable future to :
reduce our fossil fuel use
design with nature,
and the following (from a recent ODT article):

- No poverty
- Zero hunger
- Good health and well-being
- Quality education
- Gender equality
- Clean water and sanitation
- Affordable and clean energy
- Decent work and economic growth
- Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Reduced inequalities
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Responsible consumption and production
- Climate action
- Life below water

Life on land
Peace, justice and strong institutions
Partnerships for these goals

I would add:

Provision of safe walking and cycling
Public transport to suit the needs of people Cities in Parks Methane capture from sewage Wood energy Laminated timber buildings DB Export -Recycling glass bottles to make man-made sand to help preserve New Zealand beaches(ODT 22/2/17) Four-year course in restoration of Classic vehicles(SIT and Richardson Group)- American College example...building on promotions and skills already present in Southland

Events

I would add:

Top Towns

Rural games, and other rural events, such as the World Shearing Championships, as a way of bringing town and country closer together.

Festive Lights ...support Option 2 as it fits neatly with the proposed Venture Southland Dark Skies project, which in turn will reduce rates, makes streets safer, reveal our dark skies to locals and tourists, improve the migratory success of birds and insects, and present a positive opportunity to work with the Southland Astronomical Society.

Invercargill Development

It is pleasing to note that the Council will engage with the community regarding the proposals.

Our world-class Heritage buildings deserve pride of place in a reinvigorated city centre(See Dunedin's efforts and the adaptive reuse of Tay street buildings to show-case a world-class collection of motor bikes, and the original lift !). The Council could lead by example in utilising a council-owned building- Broad Smalls- as an inspiring adaptive reuse of the site for a Creative Hub.

Earthquake-proofing it would provide an ideal learning opportunity for Council, architects, engineers ,SIT students and Canterbury University to work collaboratively to learn practical ways of ensuring the safety of people.

It's proximity to the Library(indeed it could be directly linked)allows utilisation of all that the Library offers, and the spaces created could be ideal for the creative SIT faculty as well as those already existing in the city.

The roof could be used as a venue for various creative activities, and be linked to the City parking building.

Another innovation would be the provision of a service to ensure all spoutings currently neglected are attended to as a practical way to protect the facades of our many attractive Heritage Buildings.
Spoutings blocked by Cocksfoot and other grasses result in overflows which over time stain walls and rot timber frames to which facades are attached.

This service could be covered by a special rate for building owners to ensure the protection and preservation of our street-scapes beloved of movie-makers , tourists and locals.

That neglect of spoutings resulted in many facades collapsing in the Christchurch earthquakes resulting in turn, in unnecessary loss of life, and many classic buildings which reflected the history of that beautiful city.

Rome, Cairo, Athens, London, Paris and Florence are visited by people who admire their 'old dungsers'. Whoever uses that term to describe Heritage buildings reveals ignorance and a poverty of spirit.

We have much to celebrate about our city and I am sure the community will produce exciting and innovative proposals for the future of Invercargill and our wider Province.

I wish to speak to my submission.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Henderson

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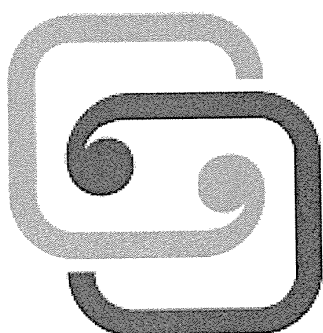


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Disabled people have poorer outcomes than the general New Zealand Population (see table 1); they have lower levels of employment, income and poorer education achievement. In addition to this, 10% of participants in the *New Zealand Disability Survey* reported that their health was excellent compared with 33% of the general population.

Comparison of Labour force participation, employment and income disabled and nondisabled New Zealanders.		
	Disabled Adults	Non-disabled Adults
Labour force participation	50%	76%
Employment	45%	72%
Annual Gross Income \$30,000 or lower	64%	45%
Annual Gross income Higher than \$50,000	18%	33%
Holds a school or tertiary qualification	67%	85%

Table 1. (Adapted from NZ 2013 Disability Survey)

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The inability to use public transport and public buildings/work places has been identified as a substantial contributor to the poor outcomes experienced by disabled people. Good access to transport and the community benefits the whole community.

The Southland Regional Economic Development Strategyⁱⁱ identifies growing the population as a key challenge for the province. The demand for improved access will increase as the population ages. This means that as well as attracting new people to the province and encouraging the existing population to remain in the area, Local Authorities must ensure that the people who currently live here and are unable to contribute to the community are able to do so. This includes disabled people and people who are ageing and want to remain in the labour force.

This submission will provide information about some benefits of improving access and suggest practical steps that the council could take to ensure that a greater proportion of the population contribute to the growth and prosperity of Invercargill.

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Valuing access to work

It is widely recognised that the benefits of employment extend well beyond financial gain to social, health and many other benefits. The whole community benefits when employment levels are high. These benefits include, but are not limited to, reduced health and social support costs to the Government and taxpayer.

Recently the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) examined the economic impact of the potential outcomes of improving access to employment for people with disabilities. This work was commissioned by the Foundation for the Blind and the report *Valuing access to work*ⁱⁱⁱ

- provides a high level assessment of the potential benefits and costs of
 - improving access to employment and
 - increased productivity through improved educational out comes for people with disabilities and
- considered “*what could be*” if PWD (people with disability) in time participated in the work force”

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Some key findings of Valuing access to work:

- 925,000 working age New Zealanders have a disability(ies)
- 40,000 New Zealanders with disabilities are unemployed
- The unemployment rate for people with a disability (9%) is 50% higher than the unemployment rate of the of the total work force (6 %)

Decreasing the unemployment rate for people with Disabilities from (9%) to the national rate (6%) would reduce the number of people on benefits by 14,000

- That if jobs were readily available and no one was displaced from the workforce equalising the unemployment rate for disabled people to the national rate would
 - Add \$1.45 billion to the real gross domestic product
 - Save \$270 million per annum from social support payments

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Other factors will increase the demand for accessible communities

- 26% of the Southland Population has a disability
- The disability rate in Invercargill will increase as the population ages. - 59%ⁱ of New Zealanders over the age of 65 have a disability. This means that as the population ages and the disability rate increases the demand for accessible transport, buildings health care and community participation will increase.
- A proportion of the ageing population in Invercargill may wish to remain in the work force. The national workforce participation rate^{iv} for people over the age of 65 has grown from 25,000 or more in the late 1980's to an estimated 150,000 or more in 2015. Statistics New Zealand predicts that the largest growth in the 65+ age group will occur between now and the early 2030's as the baby boomers enter this age group.
- The Global tourism market has become increasingly aware of the market for accessible tourism. Disabled tourists contribution to the Australian Tourism GDP ranged between 11% and 18% of total tourism market in 2003/2004ⁱⁱ.

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Submissions

It is important that policy makers recognise the need to improve access in their communities and plan improvements that will meet the needs of current and future populations. It is acknowledged that this is a long-term process that requires a financial investment. However the consequences of poor access will only be compounded in the future if action is not taken

Some key factors that will contribute to access improvements include consultation, measuring access needs and identifying and prioritising areas where access should be systematically improved.

1. Consult with the disabled community and access professionals

By consulting with disabled people the council will gather information about local access concerns and the different impact that poor access has on different people e.g. a wheelchair users needs will vary markedly from a person with a visual impairment. Many Councils find that establishing a Disability Advisory Group and practical and economic way to gain this key information.

This information must be used in conjunction with expert technical information regarding access. E.g. transport, engineering or access professionals who have expertise in this area.

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2. Measure access needs

In response to the lack of information/tools for councils to use identify access requirements and plan improvements. CCS Disability Action in cooperation with transport professionals and disabled people has developed tools which councils have successfully used to identify access needs and develop an achievable access improvement plan.

- a) **Technical street audits.** These audits are done by professionals with specialised technical knowledge and skills and identify the areas where access is poor. We recommend that the Council commit a small percentage of its annual maintenance budget to conducting street audits and using the information gained to plan access improvements as part of its regular maintenance schedule. Some councils in the North Island have used this process successfully.
- b) **Pedestrian street audits.** This involves counting users of visible mobility aides as a subset of the population. This is a very simple process which provides clear information about the people who are able to access the community and also gives an indication of people who are not able to access the community. This process was used in Hamilton^v to measure pedestrian traffic before and after an infrastructure up grade and an intersection. The study showed an increase in formal crossing use following the improvements with an increase in all people crossing from 41% to 51% and an 88% increase in visible mobility aide users.

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3. Invercargill Development

We recommend when planning and consulting regarding any future developments that the council follows the steps above. Not ensuring that facilities such as a new Art Centre, Kakaporium are universally accessible is a lost opportunity for current and future generations.

4. Pools

Swimming is an important form of recreation and exercise for all and is the only form of exercise for many disabled people. We recommend that the council consult with the disabled community to gain an understanding of current barriers to disabled people using the pool and that technical experts are engaged when planning any changes.

CCS Disability Action is willing to contribute to the above.

Conclusion

Improving access has will make a strong contribution to Southland achieving its big goal of 10,000 more people living in Southland by 2025.

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We would like to speak to our submission.

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21 March 2017

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Our Reference: A319181
Enquiries to: Gavin Gilder

Dear Sir/Madam

Submission on Invercargill City Council's 2017-2018 Annual Plan

Environment Southland supports the upgrade of the Stead Street stopbank as the upgrade will provide better protection to the road, airport and surrounding area from storm surge events and sea level rise.

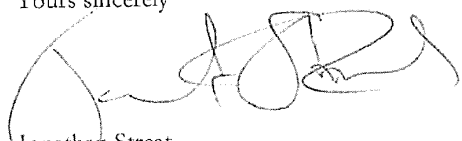
Environment Southland also has assets in this area, being the Stead Street pumping station and the Waihopai River stopbanks. The Stead Street pumping station is near the end of its operational life and needs to be replaced. Also, the Waihopai River stopbanks will need to be upgraded so that they provide a similar standard of protection as the Stead Street stopbank.

Environment Southland will need to consider the timing of the works for the pumping station and the Waihopai River stopbanks as part of its next Long Term Plan.

A collaborative approach will ensure that the works are coordinated in a logical manner.

It is suggested that a working group is established to coordinate the works. The working group could also provide advice on the appropriate standard of protection and the staging of that protection.

Yours sincerely



Jonathan Streat
Director of Operations

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Presentation of submission

Please tick as appropriate. If neither of the boxes is ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to be heard.

- I wish to speak to the Mayor and Councillors about my submission.
- I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

Other Ideas?

If you have a different option for any of the issues that you think Council should consider, please tell us.

Tips for making an effective submission

- ✦ Head each of your topics with a title so we clearly know what issue you are submitting on.
Make it clear what you are supporting or opposing and give reasons why.
- ✦ Bullet points help you form ideas clearly and are easy for the Mayor and Councillors to read.
- ✦ Dark coloured pens make it easier to read and copy your submission.

Please note: Submissions received on the Proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan will be made available to the public as required by the Local Government Act 2002 and subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
This will include the name and address of submitters.

Stead Street Stopbank (Refer page 10)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

THIS SHOULD BE DONE SOONER RATHER
THAN LATER

Include extra pages if you wish.

Events (Refer page 11)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

THE CITY NEEDS MORE EVENTS

Include extra pages if you wish.

Festive Lights (Refer page 12)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

GOOD WAY TO BRIGHTEN THE CBD
 IN WINTER, A LIGHT OR LANTERN FESTIVAL
 WOULD BE COOL, MAYBE WITH SOMETHING
 WINTERCY LIKE AN ICE SCULPTURE COMP?

Include extra pages if you wish.

Invercargill Development (Refer page 13)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT WAY TO
 EXPEDITE INVERCARGILL'S TRANSFORMATION INTO
 A VIBRANT TOURISM DESTINATION.

Include extra pages if you wish.

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Pools (Refer page 14)

Which option do you support?



OPTION 1



OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

IF THIS FACILITY IS BEING NOT JUST UTILISED BUT OVER UTILISED, THEN AN UPGRADE SHOULD BE A PRIORITY.

AS A REGULAR USER OF BLUFF POOL I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACCESS IMPROVED BY ALLOWING RESIDENTS AND USERS TO USE THE POOL AT THEIR DISCRETION AS POOL USERS LN RIVERTON DO.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Solid Waste (Refer page 15)

Which option do you support?



OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

Multiple horizontal lines for writing comments.

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Further comments

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MY COMMENT: AS A BLUFF BASED COMMUNITY/TOURISM BUSINESS

INNOVATION HUB, WE SEE MANY SERVICES LACKING TO
ENABLE TOURISM VENTURES & BUSINESSES TO THRIVE.

1) INTER-REGIONAL TRANSPORT - INVERCARGILL NEEDS TO
PLACE ITSELF AS A REGIONAL TRANSPORT HUB CONNECTING

QUEENSTOWN | FIEDLAND | DUNEDIN | SOUTHERN SCENIC ROUTE & BLUFF

FROM BLUFF IT COSTS \$24 TO GET TO INVERCARGILL, \$77

TO GO TO QUEENSTOWN, COUNCIL NEEDS TO INTERVENE

ENCOURAGE MORE VISITORS INTO THE REGION, BETTER CONNECTIONS

TO QUEENSTOWN & DUNEDIN AIRPORTS MAKE LIVING IN THE

DEEP SOUTH LESS ISOLATING. AN INNER CITY BUS STATION

SHOULD BE DEVELOPED CLOSE TO WACHNER PLACE. MUSEUM

BUS STOP IS A JOKE! TERRIBLE LOCATION TO BE DROPPED

AT 6pm on a cold dark winters night, INDOOR BUS

EXCHANGE FOR COACHES & COMMUTER SERVICES

2) PUBLIC BUS SERVICES FOR BLUFF RESIDENTS -

THIS IS URGENTLY REQUIRED TO MAKE OUR

COMMUNITY MORE LIVEABLE, ESPECIALLY

Include extra pages if you wish.

Further comments

MY COMMENT: FOR OUR OLDER AND YOUNGER PEOPLE.

INTERMEDIATE AGED KIDS DON'T GET HOME FROM SCHOOL UNTIL 5:30pm - 6pm SOME NIGHTS BECAUSE OF NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT. - A BLUFF BUS SERVICE COULD ALSO SERVE SOUTH CITY, KEW HOSPITAL & CLIFDEN.

ESPLANADE RESERVE ON FORESHORE ROAD IS AN EYESORE & A HAZARD. THIS MAN-MADE BEACH ON FORESHORE ROAD IS ERRODING FAST DRAWING OUT LANDFILL WASTE FROM THE RECLAMATION, AS A RESULT IT IS LITTERED WITH GLASS, WHEN SWIMMING IN LARGE GROUPS 40%:50% OF SWIMMERS END UP WITH CUT FEET MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS HAVE RESOURCES & PLANS FOR THE BEACH BUT CANNOT PROCEED DUE TO CONSENTING FEE'S & COSTS. COUNCIL SHOULD INTERVENE TO MAKE THIS AREA SAFE &

Include extra pages if you wish.

MY COMMENT: USEABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS IT IS ONE OF THE FEW SUITABLE SWIMMING SPOTS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES. AWAHUA BOATING CLUB & WAKA AMA GROUP ALSO USE THIS BEACH.

BLUFF POOL - POOL PRICES ARE TOO

EXPENSIVE FOR FACILITIES ON OFFER: BOOST

USER NUMBERS BY A) REDUCING CHARGES

B) INCREASE ACCESS FOR USERS WHO WANT TO

USE FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF NORMAL OPERATING

HOURS - PAY YEARLY FEE FOR POOL KEY - CAMERAS

TO BE INSTALLED IN PUBLIC AREA'S C)

INSTALL GYM FACILITY WITHIN POOL COMPLEX

TO SHARE OPERATING BURDEN, CONSIDER

RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES i.e. Solar Panels /

Wind turbine.

Include extra pages if you wish.

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Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

Include extra pages if you wish.

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MY COMMENT:

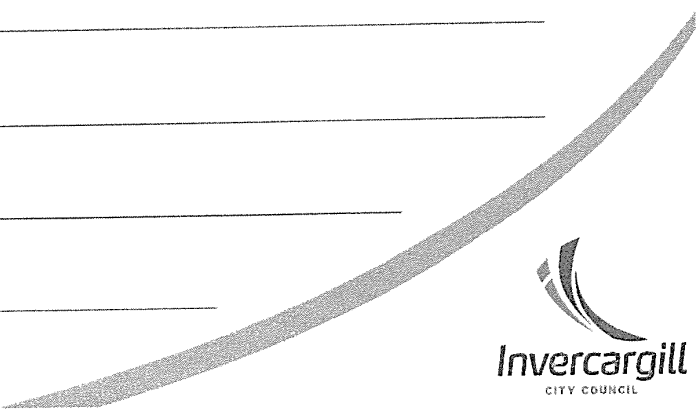
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Invercargill Development (Refer page 13)

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MY COMMENT:

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Pools (Refer page 14)

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MY COMMENT:

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Solid Waste (Refer page 15)

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MY COMMENT:

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Further comments

MY COMMENT: *other IDEAS TO BE CONSIDERED

* METRO TYPE TRAIN TRACK AROUND Queens gardens
covering THE WHOLE AREA OF PARK.


* HANGING BASKETS PANSIES under outside
shop ceilings in the city. Suggestions Get
Shop Owners to water them.

* FLOURESENT PAINT on centre lines of
Roads More Visabil for Motorists
Put protect Coat over flouresant Paint.

- suggest BLUE or purple Light (or changing colours)
* Put Coloured Light Powered by Solar Energy
Panel. (inside-Soldier Statue Round About city) on Tay & Dee st

* RESTAURANT AT STERLING POINT BLUFF

MAKE INTO GIANT OYSTER SHELL OPENED

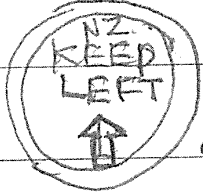
- Like A clam  *note
crack Drawing glass wrap around
front


Include extra pages if you wish

Further comments

MY COMMENT:

* MORE FLOWER PLANT BOXES IN city centre.

* Put painted signs on road surface
IE  safety for tourists visiting
NZ also signs on side of Road Keep Left

* Overflow Water Catchment Ponds for Heavy flooding like they have in Japan.
IE  note crude picture water can then Be Re used No waste.

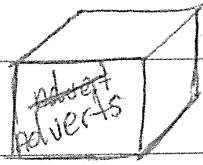
* SHOPS IN city NEED Large fluorescent street (numbers) so they can Be easily found
Also private House Letter Boxes NEED fluorescent numbers

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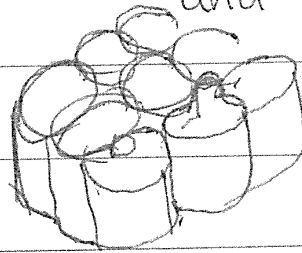
* safety Barrier for Problem Corners of
roadway. RE picture details

cube covered
with waterproof
cover



inside cube
waterbottles milk
filled with water
and strapped together
to form cube

cover can also be
used for advertising
purposes



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MY COMMENT:

It is agreed that the Stopbank should be upgraded.
This will make it much safer for cyclists.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Events (Refer page 11)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

The youth Council -unders group would like to see
more family events held in the city.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Festive Lights (Refer page 12)

Which option do you support? OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

We believe just erecting the lights at Christmas is fine.

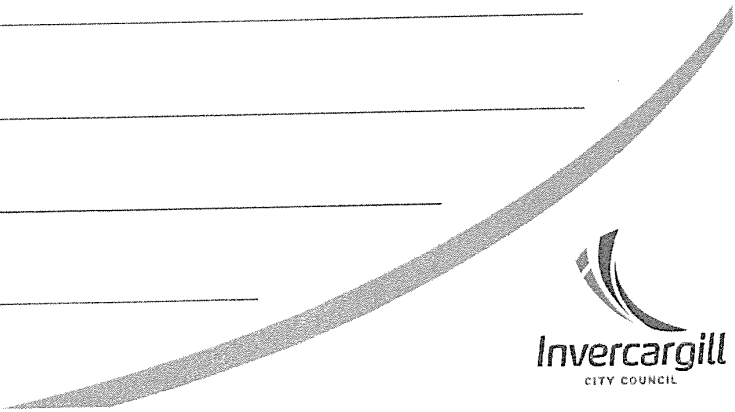
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Pools (Refer page 14)

Which option do you support?



OPTION 1



OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

We think the changing rooms must be improved and increased in capacity. But we do not believe the case & so far need changing

Include extra pages if you wish.

Solid Waste (Refer page 15)

Which option do you support?



OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

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Further comments

MY COMMENT:

The youth council members are very pleased to be involved with the Council and thank them for their ongoing support.

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Further comments

MY COMMENT:

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MY COMMENT:

The construction of enlarged changing rooms (Male & Female) is of utmost importance. Neglecting to complete this action would be verging on ~~the~~ lack of understanding of safety & health situations. I have previously made submission on Splash Palace issues.

Include extra pages if you wish.

Solid Waste (Refer page 15)

Which option do you support?

OPTION 1 OPTION 2 OPTION 3

MY COMMENT:

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1. The distraction of a Kakaporium versus hard decisions on the Museum Refurbishment and the new CBD Art Gallery

Do not link a Kakaporium with the Museum Upgrade: it unhelpfully is taking Council time and focus, ahead of other priorities.

Linkage of a Kakaporim with an upgraded museum CONSTRAINS the best decisions around design and layout for a refurbished museum complex.

That a Kakaporium was approved in principle was accidental and adhoc: it is not the priority for Invercargill residents: the Kakaporium should be PUT ON HOLD and considered in 5 years time

It is not the role – and certainly not the priority of Council- to invest in animals. Current tuatarium facilities are duplicated in 13 other locations in NZ. Kakapo only breed every 2 years and the whole concept of a Kakaporium is questionable in terms of viability and practicality.

Council could facilitate a Kakaporium - perhaps- in a separate location- but dont link it with the Museum which has another role.

Keep it simple.

As Councillors PLEASE PLEASE focus on the best needs of the Museum.

Museum Refurbishment was identified as urgent more than twenty years ago: For more than twenty the public has watched Council the Museum languish amidst inaction- and apparent distraction- on the part of decisionmakers.

The museum continues to have the bulk of its collection in cramped storage, and undisplayed to the public.

The Southland Public risk loss of the entire collection due to fire risk.

The facilities , particularly the foyer and cafe area are tired, look upwards next time you visit.

Funding of \$22 million was allocated or approved in principle for a Museum upgrade 15 years ago: the public watched as this funding was 'filched' temporarily after the Stadium collapse.

How much longer must the public wait? – for action.

To be frank, I am unhappy that elected Councillors pursue peripheral priorities at the

expense of clear undistracted focus on the priorities *of the Museum*. Along with, now in 2017, the separate development of a Public Art Gallery within the CBD.

I congratulate the Council on reaching the clarity to separate the Public Art Collection from the Museum. The decision to separately pursue the construction of a separate Invercargill Public Art Gallery within the CBD is a practical and best solution to move forward. A win- win for all sides of the debate. It will revitalise the CBD, as the city needs. Yet citizens still will retain their “Museum within the Park that they love.

I believe that the Kakaporium is a red herring:
Council PLEASE needs to look at the resources the city already owns, rather than pursuing new resources.
Councillors need to look at what is in the Museum storage area and understand the potential that is there

I am told that what is in storage is phenomenal. And that Councillors would be “gobsmacked”!

I am told that the potential that is there is equal and superior to that of the Kakaporium

One former Museum staff member wanted to have a changing weekly exhibit in the foyer, titled “how bizarre”. Apparently there is a huge, stuffed Auckland Island Pig, absolutely terrifying.

Apparently there are firebuckets from HMS Victory- Nelson's Flagship!! (If they knew- the British Museum might have something to say?). There is a whole armoury up there, purchased over years, including guns, shells, even a suit of Samurai Armour! Apparently no one really knows whats up there- its not that well curated, and is very eclectic.

Please can councillors go and see whats there and start focusing on the best needs of the museum

2. Daytime Decorations not Christmas Lights

No more lights- please focus of coloured daytime christmas decorations that will add festive cheer to the CBD during DAYTIME hours

Invercargills CBD during daytime hours over the festive period was simple absent of any Christmas cheer.:

Not a coloured daytime decoration to be seen- just the 'clutter' of ugly metal 'scaffolding' strung across the street' : suspending the “Christmas lights' that were 'invisible' and colourless during daytime hours.

The lights were awful- please no more icy cold white and blue

The best decorations were the 4 mammoth silver wreaths in upstairs Tay Street windows , fashioned from old hubcaps, by Richardsons group.

Why not be creative and work on a point of difference: more of these simple "transport themed" wreaths right down Tay and Dee streets would be fantastic.

3. Events Fund

The events fund should not be increased. And should be reduced to 2014 levels.
The various events funds should amalgamated, and spending should be approved by full Council

Capital expenditure on the Events Fund is at the expense of other higher priorities eg I have a photo of a little old lady standing on a gravel footpath, at a bus stop with no bus shelter, weeds behind her, opposite a well known city resthome, looking forlorn as she waits for the bus after her weekly visit to her elderly husband.

The Events Industry is in danger of being seen as the current 'fad industry'-with questionable and unproven benefits- championed by a select few- and benefiting a select few. It interlinks with the concept of the old boys network, where people of influence say the right thing in the right ears, ratepayers dont approve of the degree of largess that has become 'in train' here.

Councils nationwide are subject to the influence of the hardsell from the likes of Duco Entertainment, who in a very competitive Events industry, aggressively target ratepayer funds as a vehicle to stage their events.

Mr Shadbolt you thrive in the movie and entertainment world, and champion it.
Mr Skelt at the Stadium also has an interest to bring events to the city-

My opinion is that Funding for large Entertainment Events/Shows , at the likes of the Stadium, should be derived/sourced from the ILT , the Stadium, and other direct beneficiaries, and not ratepayers.

The pool of Ratepayer funding for Events should be modest, and used for to 'seed' new events, with the aim to get them off the ground.

Mr Shadbolt , you have written a column, commenting on the low quality of some applications for funding.

I would argue that the current process for approving funding for Events is wanting. And is not serving ratepayers well. There was one use of Events Funds money that could arguably be seen as croneyism. It played out as a cartoon:

Picture two middle-aged men leaning against a bar, beers in hand. They were at a Rugby Club bar. One says to the other "ive got a great idea to raise funds for those junior Rugby Boys".... easy peasy....no personal exertion either, none of those pesky fertiliser drives... All we need to do is exercise our little fingers, and dial the number of this here Events Company in Auckland- they'll put on the Fireworks for us. All done, and no liability to us, cos I'll apply to the the Events Fund for the funding..."

The mans name was Peter. And The Event was the Fireworks display held at Rugby Southland.

It appears that Funds were approved with minimal process, where the applicant had no business plan. Financial loss could be seen a mile away. I understand the loss was around \$50,000 and ratepayers funded around half of that loss.

Families paid in the order of \$85 to attend, only to bear the cost again in rates

Events funding , and the process around approval please needs complete review by full Council

4. Directorships

Council should please review the appointment of Councillors as Directors in Council owned companies

I do not accept that Councillors can act in the best interests of ratepayers, when their legal obligation is to the Company, as a paid director.

The conflict was seemingly borne out, visible, during the Issue of Uncalled Capital for HoldCo, where the public observed a Councillor Director directing personal abuse at a fellow elected Councillor within Council buildings.

Separate to this, Policy should be written setting out the expectations of Councillors to represent ratepayer interests ahead of the companies interests at all times.

Councillors either

- should not be appointed as Directors
- OR, as directors they should not receive remuneration, other than their fees as Councillors to attend, to delineate that their role is as observers and champions, on ratepayers behalf

5. Council owned Companies

I would like Council to give full review and oversight to the purpose and function of

Council owned companies.

Current structure of Council owned companies is highly complex and not transparent, or easily accountable to ratepayers or Councillors

Surely this was not the intention of the Local Government Act.

Was this the intention of Council, that Council owned companies act as empires, and becoming so convoluted in their ownership structure?

Is Council aware that Forestry Holdings Ltd sent Directors or staff to India, for the purpose of investing in Forestry Assets in India?

Was this ever anticipated when Invercargill Forestry was first set up?

I would like full review of the purpose of Council owned companies.

6. Social Amenity of Queens Park

Recent discussions have been around disc golf

But the park is also under utilised as a social amenity.

Current locations in the park where people congregate are the children's playground, and the cafe

Obviously, the playground is for the social benefit of children.

I would like to suggest that the park create an area for Chess Stations, where adults can come together and socialise.

I don't play chess, and this idea is inspired by a photo in the Southland Times of two men, who meet weekly in the park to play chess.

Very easily, the Parks department could build simple low tables, and two low stools, for chess players to sit in a pleasant leafy environment. I'm picturing round natural wood tables, with a central column, the chess board hewn into the table top, and the chess pieces available at the nearby parks office for a small returnable fee.

Council wants to tout Invercargill as a 'family friendly city'.

As part of this, our parks should have the focus to engage and occupy us, and to facilitate our social congregation - not just be pretty places to walk around!

On the subject of congregation- again PLEASE can Council as lessor- please facilitate the upgrade of the outdoor seating area amenity at the Cafe. It is outdated, outmoded and simply not providing ratepayers with an amenity equal to other "Park Cafes" elsewhere in the country.

A debate about responsibility is unhelpful, and achieves nothing

I would like Council as lessor to facilitate in ensuring the best possible outdoor seating area for Park Cafe users.

Democracy

I would like Council to review its Code of Conduct, and the expectations around its Implementation

Under the previous term of Council there were heated topics, including the Issue of Uncalled Capital for HoldCo. An elected Councillor was subject to personal abuse, by a fellow Councillor within Council buildings due to opinions he expressed. This was reported in media and on television. Those submitting contrarily on the Issue of Uncalled Capital woke to mocking and denigrating assessment in their Saturday paper. I experienced this as demoralising and this discouraged me from participating in the democratic process, and I know one submitter curtailed their participation.

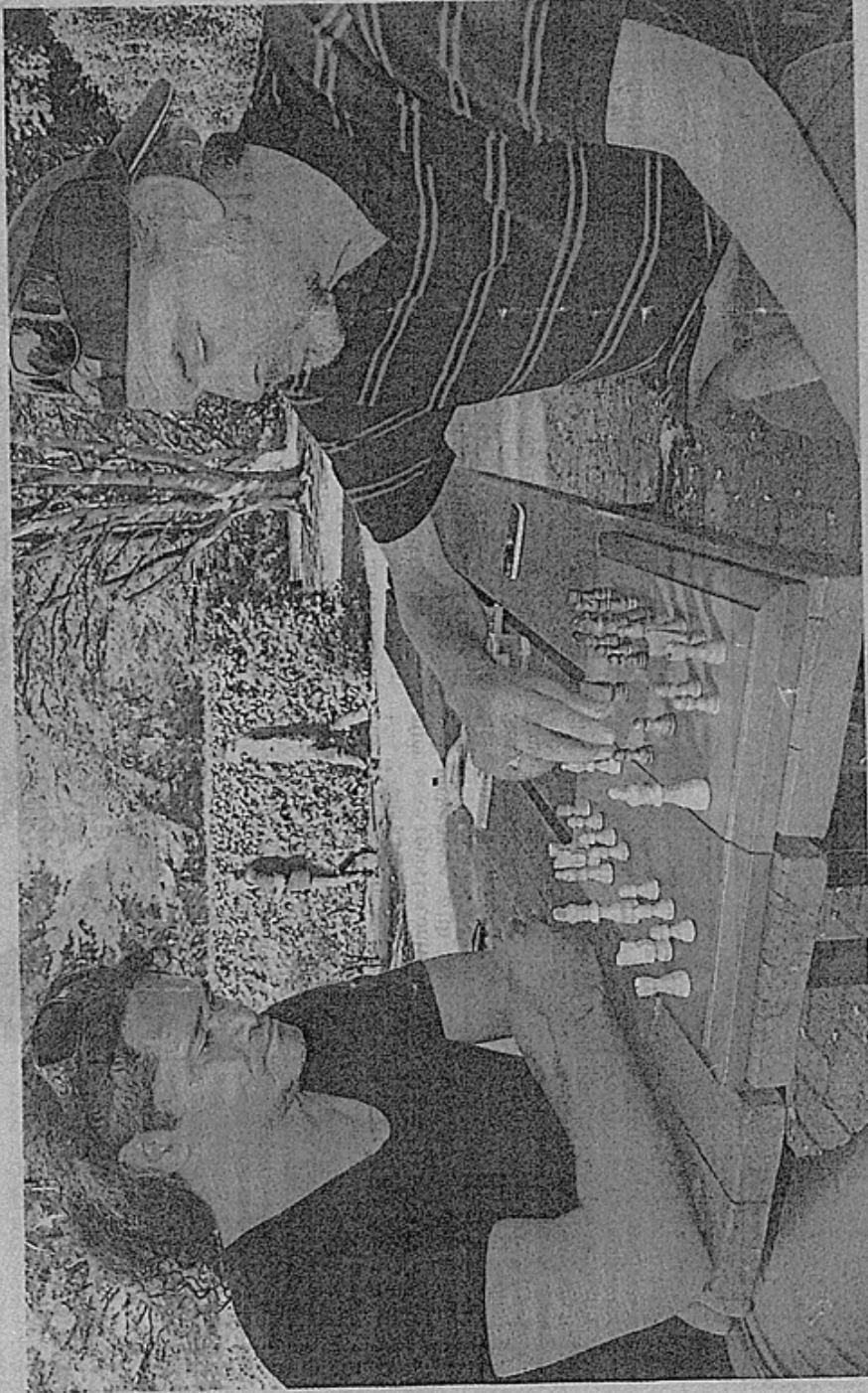
I would like current Council to review its code of Conduct and the process around its implementation, to ensure in future that it is safe for Councillors to express opinion on Council business whether it is in Council chambers, council buildings or on the street.

Regarding ratepayer participation, I read that a new Ratepayers association is being formed. I was too young to be a member of the old IRA, but it seems submitters today have been tarred with it! I am not a member of this newly begun association. But I hope that if I become one, I will be regarded as seeking constructive input within the democratic process that is local government.

Thankyou

L. O'Callaghan

Check and mate



Making the most of the fine weather, Truce Broughton and Christo Cook play their regular game of chess in Queens Park.

JOHN HAWKINS/FAIRFAX NZ 633699654

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**BLUFF COMMUNITY BOARD SUBMISSIONS TO 2017/18
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Invercargill to Bluff Cycle & Walkway: The Bluff Community Board seeks urgency and funding for the completion of the walkway to Bluff.

Mowing of Marine Parade Berm: The Bluff Community Board submits: to improve the berm of the Bluff Foreshore Road, from the War Memorial to the Pilot Station, so that the area can be mowed from the existing road berm to the foreshore bank to a high standard.

Public Toilet: The Community Board submits that a toilet be established on the land in front of the senior citizens building or other suitable area as the current two public toilets are not adequate enough for the number of tourists now visiting Bluff.

Beautification of Flagstaff Road: The left hand side of Flagstaff road leading to Bluff Hill Road is very untidy and scruffy looking. The Board submits that plantings be undertaken to improve the area.

Rubbish Bins Stirling Point and Bluff Hill: With the increase of visitors to Bluff it is apparent that the current number of rubbish bins is inadequate and therefore submits that more rubbish bins be installed in both areas.

Bluff Town Hall Rate: The Bluff Community Board believes that the Bluff Town Hall is important to the community and supports the Bluff Town Hall rate increase to \$16.50.

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Melanie Brierley

From: Brad Harris <bradharris72@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 30 March 2017 3:48 p.m.
To: Melissa Short
Subject: Wilcox Road Submission for Annual Plan

Hi Melissa

As per our phone conversation I would like to make a submission for the annual plan.

Topic is: Wilcox Road Health issue and Substandard Condition

Yes I would like to speak.

My details are: Brad Harris
164 Wilcox Road
Invercargill
021330818

Regards Brad

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Q1: Address

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Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission?

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)

Option 1 - renew the Stead Street stopbank for better future protection of the road, airport and residential area of Otatara from tidal flooding.

Other (please specify)

I support the Stead Street Stop Bank being fixed to prevent another 1984 flood from happening .I would like to see as an idea to dredge some of the estuary were the flood bank is to deepen it or remove some of the silt away from the flood bank to try an relieve any build up of from causing to over flow onto stead street.

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Q4: Events (page 11)

Option 1 - increase the Emerging Events Fund from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Other (please specify)

Yes but look at other Community Funders to help. I would like to see the Councils Events Committee have Community Representatives on it also to include far better Rate payer Communication between Council and the People of this City. I have been involved with events as a Volunteer like Rugby, Cricket, Soccer World Cups the NZ Gym Sports and World Shearing Champs that has just been held here in town. I would like to see the Events fund increased to \$250,000 just as an idea. We need to Attract more International Events to our City. Also the Serious issue of the LACK of Hotel and Motels needs to be ADDRESSED.

Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)

Option 1 - invest \$200,000 into purchasing winter lights to be displayed in the City, this will cover installation and removal costs, as well as ongoing maintenance and power.

Other (please specify)

Why not have Festive Lights for Xmas and Winter and make our City more Festive during the Winter Months. I would like to see our Cities Festive Lights hanging up in South City also and not just CBD. Why Not have some Festive lights out near the Airport Drive Entrance to make our Airport more Welcoming to Tourists .

Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)

Option 1 - allocate \$500,000 to further investigate and progress projects to reinvigorate the City, this is funded by rates.

Other (please specify)

Yes but Get Central Government to help also . The Government is really good at giving money to Auckland each time they open their mouths wanting money why not help Cities like Invercargill with Regional / Provincial Funding to help with Re-Development Funding .

Q7: Pools (page 14)

Option 1 - build additional changing rooms at Splash Palace, at a cost of \$1.4 million to be funded by a loan.

Other (please specify)

Yes but get Community Funders to help also .

Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)

Option 1 - increase Transfer Station Fees by \$20 per tonne to offset increased disposal expenditure and lower volumes going through transfer station, the further \$1.11 will be funded through savings.

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Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

I would like to see the Entrance to Invercargill Airport be up graded . To me it looks Bloody Horrible an un tidy .The Sign in the Entrance way looks boring . I would like to see a Nice Shilst Brick Fence with Black Wrought Iron Gates like Feldwick Gates at Queens Park at our Airport Entrance .

Our Airport is the Gateway to our City an the Wider Southland Community . I would like to see the SoRDS People please look at this as a Way to Better promote our City.They need to listern to People.

Why not look at Getting a Bronze Statue of a Sheep at the Entrance Doors of Stadium Southland as we have just hosted the World Shearing Champs .

I dont want a Chinese Garden Sorry theres one in Dunedin. Why not put that money towards our Cities Youth instead.

I would like to see more Funding be put into up grading ALL the COUNCILS HOUSING an make the Gardens look alot better . They look Crap .

Thankyou for Listening to my Concerns.

Carl Heenan,GSC,CSM,VSM.

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#2

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Q1: Address

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Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission?

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)

Option 1 - renew the Stead Street stopbank for better future protection of the road, airport and residential area of Otatara from tidal flooding.

Q4: Events (page 11)

Option 2 - do not increase the Emerging Events Fund by \$50,000.

Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)

Option 2 - display the existing lights at Christmas only.

Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)

Option 3 - do not allocate funding to reinvigorate the City.

Q7: Pools (page 14)

Option 2 - do not build additional changing rooms at Splash Palace.

Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)

Option 2 - increase Transfer Station Fees by \$10 per tonne to offset increased disposal expenditure and lower volumes going through transfer station.

Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

Respondent skipped this question

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#3

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Q1: Address

Name	X
Company	X
Address	X
Address 2	X
City/Town	X
Country	X
Email Address	X
Phone Number	X

Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission?

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)

Respondent skipped this question

Q4: Events (page 11)

Respondent skipped this question

Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)

Respondent skipped this question

Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Pools (page 14)

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

Respondent skipped this question

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#4

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Q1: Address

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Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission?

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)

Option 2 - do not renew the Stead Street stopbank and maintain the current risk of future flooding.

Other (please specify)

The current Stead Street stopbank has been there for years, maybe it needs maintenance but it should not need to be renewed. I have lived in Otatara 70 years and only seen Stead Street flooded once.

Q4: Events (page 11)

Option 2 - do not increase the Emerging Events Fund by \$50,000.

Other (please specify)

This Events is not what the ICC should be involved in.

Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)

Option 2 - display the existing lights at Christmas only.

Other (please specify)

Invest the 200,000 in replacing sewerage pipes would be a better idea.

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Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)

Option 3 - do not allocate funding to reinvigorate the City.

Other (please specify)

All the money council have spent in the past updating the CBD is nothing more than a waste of money, it has not brought anymore people into the CBD. The main problem in the CBD has been caused by past and current councils. Years ago Dee Street except for about six premises Dee Street from the Crescent to Yarrow Street was full of shops on both sides of the street. Councils have allowed liquor outlets, offices, library to replace shops on Dee Street. Also take Tay Street gyms and other businesses have replaced shops, so is it any wonder the CBD is in the way it is. The Mayor in the past has blamed people using internet shopping for the closing down of shops in the city, maybe if the businesses sold their products cheaper people wouldn't need to shop online. I buy online as I can buy an item from Auckland pay postage and its cheaper than I can buy it in Invercargill.

Q7: Pools (page 14)

Option 2 - do not build additional changing rooms at Splash Palace.

Other (please specify)

Splash Palace is not a business the council should be involved in, Splash Palace should be sold off to a private business, a lot of elderly ratepayers are paying rates for but because of their age or health are not able to use Splash Palace, it should be user pays.

Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)

Option 3 - leave the fees as they currently are and fund the increased disposal expenditure cost through rates.

Other (please specify)

With people recycling more there is less rubbish going to the transfer station so that is the reason why council is wanting to up fees.

Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

Respondent skipped this question

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#5

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Q1: Address

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Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission? I wish to speak to the Mayor and Councillors about my submission.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)	Respondent skipped this question
Q4: Events (page 11)	Respondent skipped this question
Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)	Respondent skipped this question
Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)	Respondent skipped this question
Q7: Pools (page 14)	Respondent skipped this question
Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)	Respondent skipped this question

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Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

The Trust Board of the Southland Museum and Art Gallery wish to support the Southland Regional Heritage Committee which has submitted a request to Council for an increase of the Regional Heritage Rate for the 2017-18 financial year and perpetually thereafter. This application will primarily provide an increase of funding to the Southland Museum and Art Gallery to enable it to carry out essential work on the museum collection. The funding will provide for:

- Progress with a project to re-catalogue all of the objects in the collection (approximately 73,500 items).
- Extension of the employment of a Collection Technician after the end of the 2016-17 Financial Year to carry out collection cataloguing work.
- Begin a project to re-package objects and store them in more effective shelving so as to achieve preventive conservation of the collection and greater storage density within the museum store-room.
- Begin a project to make digital images of all collection items which can then be posted to an on-line museum web site.

The benefits of this increase of funding will be:

- Preventive conservation of the collection.
- Greater accessibility to the collection so that curators can use objects to curate and build exhibitions for the benefit of the community and for education.
- Greater accessibility to the collection for all residents of Southland and for researchers to see and study objects.
- Greater accessibility on-line to the "virtual museum" so that objects can be seen and appreciated by viewing their digital images.

In the current financial year, an increase of the Regional Heritage Rate by \$5 has been fundamental to helping the museum to employ one Collection Technician to carry out cataloguing work. However this is on a fixed term contract and continuation of this funding would be of great value to the museum by allowing the extension of this employment. The Trust Board and management of the museum have greatly appreciated the extra funding that the Invercargill City Council has provided in the current year and are very thankful for it. We hope that it will be able to be continued into 2017-18 and thereafter on an on-going basis so that we can provide the benefits listed above.

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Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission?

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)

Option 1 - renew the Stead Street stopbank for better future protection of the road, airport and residential area of Otatara from tidal flooding.

Q4: Events (page 11)

Option 2 - do not increase the Emerging Events Fund by \$50,000.

Other (please specify)

It is time council took a hard look at what it is funding on behalf of rate payers. The emerging events fund should be scrapped. Ratepayers already as I understand are paying \$500,000 to the Stadium/s for maintenance, enough is enough. Plus the ongoing cost of Rugby park.

Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)

Option 2 - display the existing lights at Christmas only.

Other (please specify)

Council need to sort out the state of existing commercial existing buildings in the city before doing any further upgrades to the city centre. A fair number of inner city buildings should be demolished.

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Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)

Option 3 - do not allocate funding to reinvigorate the City.

Other (please specify) See item 6.

Q7: Pools (page 14)

Other (please specify)

The cost of \$1.4m to build additional changing rooms seem excessive.

Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)

Option 3 - leave the fees as they currently are and fund the increased disposal expenditure cost through rates.

Other (please specify)

One would have thought lower volumes going through the transfer station to be a good thing, not an excuse to increase fees.

Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

The proposed rates increase of 4.7% is over the top and needs to be reset to the rate of inflation. Invercargill has some of the highest rates in the country.

Funding for non core activities need to be curtailed to achieve a rate increase of no more than the rate of inflation.

The new council need to send a clear message that cost plus, plus needs to stop.

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Q1: Address

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Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission?

I wish to speak to the Mayor and Councillors about my submission.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)

Option 1 - renew the Stead Street stopbank for better future protection of the road, airport and residential area of Otatara from tidal flooding.

Other (please specify) Please see attached document

Q4: Events (page 11)

Option 1 - increase the Emerging Events Fund from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Other (please specify) Please see attached document

Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)

Respondent skipped this question

Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Pools (page 14)

Option 1 - build additional changing rooms at Splash Palace, at a cost of \$1.4 million to be funded by a loan.

Other (please specify) Please see attached document

Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

Please see document emailed to policy@icc.govt.nz for Sport Southland's full submission

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Q1: Address

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Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission?

I wish to speak to the Mayor and Councillors about my submission.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)

Option 1 - renew the Stead Street stopbank for better future protection of the road, airport and residential area of Otatara from tidal flooding.

Other (please specify)
 Please see full Submission attached

Q4: Events (page 11)

Option 1 - increase the Emerging Events Fund from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Other (please specify)
 Please see full Submission attached

Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)

Respondent skipped this question

Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7: Pools (page 14)

Option 1 - build additional changing rooms at Splash Palace, at a cost of \$1.4 million to be funded by a loan.

Other (please specify)
Please see full Submission attached

Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

Please see full Submission attached and sent to policy@icc.govt.nz

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Q1: Address

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Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission?

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q4: Events (page 11)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q7: Pools (page 14)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

The level at which the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan are written mean there are some details of council activities are not apparent. These are matters which are important from our perspective, and so we are submitting on these hidden aspects of budgeting and planning work.

Heritage South strongly supports the initiatives taken recently to revitalise the inner city with more activities and other initiatives with the appointment of a coordinator. We are grateful for the support this has provided to Heritage Month 2017 and Inner City Heritage Week 2016. We hope that there will be ongoing support for these activities in future years to celebrate the unique and marvelous heritage of our inner city.

We encourage continued support and funding for the Southland Regional Heritage Fund.

We suggest there is a need to improve resourcing for the Southland Museum and Art Gallery, particularly to employ more and suitably qualified staff to undertake much needed work to inventory and care for collections. This is necessary anyway, but more pressing as collections are prepared for storage (hopefully) for potential redevelopment of the building and planning of new displays (it is very important to have good knowledge of collections for both of these aspects of redevelopment).

With regard to heritage buildings in the inner city in particular, Heritage South commends the council on taking the initiative in 2016 to commission the report on heritage buildings (Origin consultants) which reviews the outcomes of the Oakley Grey report (1997). We very much look forward to the community consultation phase for this report.

To build upon this groundwork, Heritage South urges the council to:

- implement initiatives that support and encourage owners of heritage buildings to undertake maintenance, earthquake strengthening and conservation. These might include things such as rates relief and other incentives which should feature in future annual and/or long term plans.
- implement methods such as those employed by the Dunedin City Council in their warehouse precinct. For example employ a specialise heritage planner; provide support and help for groups of neighbouring building owners to undertake engineering assessments and strengthening together; provide support and direction to ensure owners of heritage buildings access the services of engineers suitably qualified and experienced in heritage buildings.
- be flexible and innovative about consent requirements for inner city heritage buildings - not to lower standards, but to make it easier for owners to work through the process so these buildings to be adapted and used.
- encourage conversion of inner city heritage buildings first floor and above for residential accommodation to bring people into the inner city, fill empty spaces and meet a rental housing need – to save the heritage buildings and revitalise the inner city (shops and activities alone will not bring people there).
- set an example by undertaking best practice earthquake strengthening and conservation on an inner city heritage building, even if it is sold-on (the Dunedin warehouse precinct lessons demonstrate that you can cover your costs). Consider very carefully the impacts of consenting new buildings while existing heritage buildings sit empty, or worse still consenting the costly demolition of heritage buildings.

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Q1: Address

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Q2: Would you like to be heard on your submission?

I wish to speak to the Mayor and Councillors about my submission.

PAGE 2: Submission

Q3: Stead Street Stopbank (page 10)

Option 1 - renew the Stead Street stopbank for better future protection of the road, airport and residential area of Otatara from tidal flooding.

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Other (please specify)

Climate change and resulting sea level rise represent a significant challenge to all coastal towns and cities in New Zealand, including Invercargill. Invercargill City Council needs to adopt policy and plans to understand the way climate change will impact on all of Invercargill's infrastructure, and take a strategic, long-term approach to climate change adaptation. William Watt's September 2014 Report on Natural Hazards for the Proposed Invercargill City District Plan provides a useful starting point for developing policy and planning in this area. However, monitoring of changes in weather patterns and the other impacts of climate change is constantly being undertaken by climate scientists and it is important we make decisions for the future of our city that take account of the best, most current information available. In this respect the Royal Society of New Zealand's 2016 reports are an important place to start when considering our city's response to the risks that climate change poses: <http://royalsociety.org.nz/expert-advice/papers/yr2016/climate-change-implications-for-new-zealand/>

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Q4: Events (page 11)	Option 1 - increase the Emerging Events Fund from \$100,000 to \$150,000.
Q5: Festive Lights (page 12)	Option 3 - display the existing Christmas lights during the mid-winter months.
	Other (please specify) The investment of capital in the purchase of expensive Christmas lights is wasted if our community is not able to enjoy these lights on display. The winter months are the better time for these lights to be enjoyed.
Q6: Invercargill Development (page 13)	Option 2- allocate \$500,000 to further investigate and progress projects to reinvigorate the City, this is funded from reserves.
Q7: Pools (page 14)	Option 2 - do not build additional changing rooms at Splash Palace.
	Other (please specify) I do not support borrowing to build additional changing rooms and then having to raise rates in the future to repay the loan. If visitor numbers to the pool are growing, then there should be the opportunity for growth in pool revenue to help finance (at least partially) any additional changing rooms that need to be built to cope with visitor growth.
Q8: Solid Waste (page 15)	Option 1 - increase Transfer Station Fees by \$20 per tonne to offset increased disposal expenditure and lower volumes going through transfer station, the further \$1.11 will be funded through savings.

Q9: If you have any further comments, please detail below.

I apologise for my submission being one day late, and ask that it nevertheless be accepted and considered by the Council.

In addition to my feedback on the above points, I ask the Council to consider the opportunity posed by local food projects to invigorate the city. I ask the Council to establish a Food Policy Council, the central aim of which is to identify and propose innovative solutions to improve local food systems, spurring local economic development and making food systems more environmentally sustainable and socially just. There are local and international examples that can be drawn on to inform our approach in Invercargill.

I join with others on calling on the Council to reconsider the investment of half a million dollars into building a Chinese garden in Queen's Park. Instead, this money could be put to good use building a community orchard or edible garden. If you are looking for inspiration on what shape such a project could take, I suggest looking to the Otakaro Orchard project in Christchurch. <http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/business/the-rebuild/80599824/otakaro-orchard-shows-a-community-led-city-is-possible> This project also demonstrates what can happen when Council collaborates with the community, instead of Council simply doing its own thing with no reference to what the community wants.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Nga mihi,
Rochelle Surendran

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Submission to Council – Objection to Proposed Fee increase for second and subsequent CPU

My name is Sue Hill, I am a Property Manager employed by HWR Property Ltd. I have a total of 10 years' experience as a Property Manager, both in New Zealand and internationally with 3 years, with my current employer.

It is on the basis of my experience in the property industry that I base the following comments and observations strongly opposing the proposed fee increase for second and subsequent CPUs.

CPU Fee Increase

Firstly, I have found no financial justification for the proposed fee increase. Typically, local government fees are based on a cost-recovery regime, where the fair and reasonable costs incurred by the council are on-charged to the customer. I understand that this is the approach currently undertaken by the Invercargill City Council. The proposed fee hike from \$350 to \$5,000 is clearly not based on cost recovery and for that reason I consider this fee hike to be very unreasonable.

Secondly, I understand that the fee increase is intended to be a deterrent to property owners operating their commercial business using the CPUs and not completing the necessary buildings works to obtain the Code compliance certificate. In my experience, it is also unprecedented for a Council to charge a fee as a *deterrent*. I question whether this fee can be required legally, given it is clear that the \$5,000 is in no way related to services provided to the customer by the Council. In fact, no justification or explanation of the methodology used to derive this new fee of \$5,000 has been provided.

I have researched the fees charged by other Councils for CPU's, and set out my findings in the table below:

	Initial Fee	Other Charges	Second or Subsequent Fees
Auckland City Council	\$492	\$231 ¹	Same fees again
Christchurch City Council	\$430 / \$850 ²		\$347 - \$695 ³
Dunedin City Council	\$164	\$164 ⁴	Same fees again
Hamilton City Council	\$590		\$590
Nelson City Council	\$200	Staff Time	Same Fees again
Wellington City Council	\$234 ⁵	\$159 ⁶	Same fees again

It is notable that most Council's charge the same fees for initial CPU's and subsequent CPU's. I have not identified any Council's that charge fees in the vicinity of \$5,000. I therefore question whether or not these other Councils have a similar problem of outstanding Code of Compliances, and if so, I

¹ Extension of Time fee

² Commercial 1 & 2 or Commercial 3 – depending on complexity of work

³ Commercial 1 & 2 or Commercial 3 – depending on complexity of work

⁴ Inspection Charge (hourly Rate) AND Amendment fee (hourly rate)

⁵ \$75 Lodgement Fee plus \$159 initial Fee (including 1 hour processing time)

⁶ Additional processing time per hour

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would be interested to know how these Council's manage this problem. Surely the Invercargill City Council could adopt a similar approach?

In my experience, the reasons why code of compliance certificates are stymied is varied, and often complex. Where code of compliance certification has been outstanding for some time, each situation should be considered on a case by case basis, in order to identify the reasons why CPU's are issued. I have requested information about the number and nature of CPU's issued by the Council currently, however, they did not have this information. I consider this information should be required to justify the fee increase, or any changes in this policy.

From my own experience, I note that CPU's are required when, at the time of FINAL inspection, some failure or requirement to fix is discovered that will take longer than the required opening time for the business. These things can be as a result of various situations, for example:

- (a) Substandard workmanship;
- (b) Building works have deviated from the consented works during the process and this variation has not been communicated effectively to the Council;
- (c) Council has misinterpreted plans at the consent stage and have realised at the end and requires remediation;
- (d) Building works are being done in stages due to builder or funding limitations and the consent is being held open to accommodate these future stages – this is a common occurrence.

When I have required CPU's, the situation has been genuine and not a ploy to deter final code of compliance for the buildings I am responsible for. I have always endeavoured to address any items raised at the time of code of compliance within **three months**. However, in my experience, three months is generally not sufficient time to re-engage builders and complete the work.

Comment [MJ1]: It that how long you are given?

Increase to the CPU Timeframe

As above the current three-month timeframe is too short for most remedial works to get CCC. This is because most contractors are scheduled to be finished the job, and have commitments to their next client. Re-engagement for remedial works cannot always be immediate. Further, the 'items to fix' may also require ordering in of materials etc, and again 3 months is not an adequate timeframe.

In some cases, there is dis-agreement with the items raised and again litigation process requires a longer timeframe, again, this delay is justified.

Conclusion

To conclude, I support the increase to the timeframe for CPU's as I have found that 3 months is not sufficient time to carry out the remedial building works required.

I strongly oppose the proposed increase in the fee for second and subsequent CPU's. In my experience, the use of CPU's is wholly justified and necessary and I am not aware of any situations where a CPU is used to deter the requirements to complete buildings works to code of compliance standards. Imposing a significant financial cost, and a cost that is not justified in terms of the services provided, to the members of the community who are endeavouring to improve the building stock in Invercargill is counter-productive and is completely at odds with the role of a City Council.

If public safety is genuinely at issue, then a more productive and no-doubt successful way would be to address the outstanding Code of Compliance certifications in a more targeted approach, where the Council's building officers work directly with the building owners to resolve the outstanding

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issues. Imposing a considerable fee as a deterrent, which is not based on costs incurred by the Council is wholly unjustified and, I suspect, unlawful.



Publicly available report. Of 4709 inspections only 10 CPU requests and on 6 issued. Low CPU numbers would indicate CCC issues very small.

TO: EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

FROM: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

MEETING DATE: MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017

NEW FEE: CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC USE SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION
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Report Prepared by: Anna Goble, Graduate Policy Analyst

SUMMARY

Consultation on the proposed new fee for the second or subsequent issuing of a Certificate of Public Use closed on 4 April 2017. Fifteen submissions were received with one submitter requesting to be heard.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the submissions be received and considered by Council.

IMPLICATIONS

1.	<i>Has this been provided for in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan?</i> No – This is part of the Annual Plan process to set Fees and Charges.
2.	<i>Is a budget amendment required?</i> No.
3.	<i>Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance?</i> No.
4.	<i>Implications in terms of other Council Strategic Documents or Council Policy?</i> No.
5.	<i>Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?</i> Yes – consultation has been undertaken.
6.	<i>Has the Child, Youth and Family Friendly Policy been considered?</i> Safety is the paramount issue for this proposed fee, in line with Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications arise from this report.

INTRODUCTION OF A NEW FEE FOR SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC USE FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS UNDER THE BUILDING ACT 2004.

Council have proposed a new fee, as detailed, for any building owners applying for a second or subsequent Certificate of Public Use (CPU). The major motivation being that of public safety.

It is important that building work is completed and that a Code Compliance Certificate (CCC) is issued, this is the only document issued by Council that confirms building work undertaken complies with the Building Code. The Act provides that CPU's can be issued that allow the operator of a building to use the building pending final sign off for a CCC.

Council recognises that there are some circumstances where it is appropriate that a building is open to the public prior to a CCC being issued, and that a CPU is the appropriate process. The CPU will allow public use of a building while the final stages of construction are being completed. If a building has not been issued a CCC and does not have a current CPU then it should not be used.

Currently a number of buildings in Invercargill are operating under CPU's and Council is seeking to encourage building owners to complete the necessary building work and apply for a CCC. This fee would actively encourage building owners to complete the necessary work required to achieve a CCC. In doing so, it better ensures public safety and reduces the risk faced by both building owners and Council.

At present the fee is \$350 for every CPU and they last for three months. What Council has proposed is that the initial CPU will remain at \$350 and be extended to last for six months. The second application would then cost \$5,000 for a further six months.

The Strategy and Policy Department wrote to all building owners who are currently operating under a CPU, as well as those who have previously operated under one and provided them with a copy of the Consultation Document. They also emailed builders, engineers, designers and other affected parties as part of the consultation process. Attached at **Appendix 1** are the submissions received on this matter and a summary including staff comment. One submitter requested to be heard. A ten minute time was allocated following the hearing of submissions to the Annual Plan. The submitter, HWR Property Ltd, will be heard at 12.30pm.

Consultation closed on 4 April 2017.

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**Submissions Received for the Second and Subsequent
Certificate of Public Use for Commercial Buildings Under the
Building Act 2004**

Monday, 10 April 2017

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SUMMARY OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC USE FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS UNDER THE BUILDING ACT 2004

No.	Name	Submission	Staff Comment
BC001	McMillan G	Submitter queries what the increased fee would be for as the work would likely only take a couple of hours.	Submission acknowledged.
BC002	Pyne K	<p>Submits that the increase in charge cannot be justified in relation to the service that will be provided.</p> <p>Requests that Council state the fee as:</p> <p>Processing fee - \$350.00</p> <p>Penalty fee - \$4,650.00</p> <p>Submitter further requests that Council be certain that it is not the ICC holding up the issuing of a CCC causing the CPU to expire.</p>	<p>Submission acknowledged.</p> <p>The proposed fee is to encourage swift completion of building work to achieve CCC.</p> <p>It further acknowledges that there is a risk to Council in ensuring public safety.</p>
BC003	Al Pannett	<p>Notes that the underlying reason for the increase is that some building owners are not requesting CCC in a timely manner. Suggests that the gigantic increase in fee is a financial incentive to deal with the problem and keep the local documentation up to speed.</p> <p>Considers this could easily become a costly mistake for an organisation with minimal gains for public safety.</p> <p>Considers that while it is possible to get an extension to the Compliance issue and Council is prepared to waive on a case by case basis, it's another hoop to jump through.</p> <p>Suggests having someone follow up the issue</p>	Submission acknowledged.

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		surely it's just a cost to create that provision. Queries that this can't be a \$5000 cost?	
BC004	Brent Richardson	<p>Submits that this sounds like blatant revenue collecting for Council.</p> <p>Further submits that it could be argued that 6 months is ample time to sort out these types of issues, but it surely isn't worthy of a \$5000 charge.</p> <p>Submits that Council should be trying to build a relationship with its rate paying building owners, not drive a wedge between them.</p> <p>Appreciates extending the timeframe on the initial CPU to 6 months but recommends Council look at what is outstanding / non complying and take that into account when charging the owner for a second CPU.</p>	<p>Submission acknowledged.</p> <p>Six months is a reasonable period of time from re-opening of a property to the public to enable a CCC to be required.</p> <p>Staff are happy to assist with remaining issues and only use notices, etc. as a last resort.</p>
BC005	S Box – Ministry of Education	<p>Section 363a of the Building Act provides a means for a building owner to apply for a CPU in order for them to use the building without a CCC. There are no restrictions relating to subsequent CPUs.</p> <p>Submits that the introduction of a \$5,000 fee is punitive and a disproportionate cost given that the building will still comply to the same extent that it did when the initial CPU was issued.</p> <p>Submits that there is no section of the Act that provide for a Council to use a disproportionately high fee to discourage, or effectively prevent, an owner applying for a subsequent CPU on a building that was previously deemed safe.</p> <p>Submits that as with other BCA's, ICC is required to monitor the status of issued building consents.</p>	<p>Submission acknowledged.</p> <p>Section 281A of the Building Act 2004 provides unfettered ability for Council to set fees.</p> <p>Section 363A provides for issuing a CPU that allows buildings to be used by the public before a CCC is issued; the essential concern of this is public safety. This is what Council is inspecting when these are issued.</p> <p>The new fee is designed to encourage building owners to progress as swiftly as possible to a CCC thereby ensuring the greatest level of public safety possible.</p> <p>Council will always work with progressive and practical building owners to achieve the best results.</p>

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		<p>Section 93 states that if no application for a Code Compliance Certificate is received within two years from when the building consent was granted, the BCA must decide if the Code Compliance Certificate can be issued or alternatively, agree on a further time period with the owner. Upon notification of the decision to the owner (and if no application is received or agreed upon), the legislation then provides the means for a Notice to Fix to be issued. An infringement can then be issued which is in fact the punitive measure or penalty for an owner not complying with the requirements of the Act. Submits that the Council should use the provisions provided in the Act rather than applying a blanket rule to all situations regarding subsequent CPU's.</p> <p>Submits that the proposed \$5,000.00 fee does not represent the potential time and disbursements the council will incur in relation to issuing a secondary or subsequent Certificate of Public Use. Submits that Section 281b of the Building Act allows a Territorial Authority to increase a fee or charge if it is inadequate to meet the authority's actual and reasonable costs in performing a function or service. As such, an increase from the current set fee of \$350.00 would need to be justified to meet these requirements of the Act.</p>	
BC006	Sue Hill – HWR Property Ltd.	<p>Submitter finds no financial justification for the proposed increase. Submits that typically Council fees are based on a cost-recovery regime, where fair and reasonable costs are passed to the customer. Submits that the proposed increase is</p>	<p>Submission acknowledged.</p> <p>The proposed fee is not a deterrent, it is more of an incentive to work expediently towards a CCC. Council are always willing to discuss the methodology behind the owners plans and if an</p>

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		<p>clearly not based on cost recovery.</p> <p>Submits that it is unprecedented that a Council would charge a fee as a deterrent and queries whether it can be required legally.</p> <p>Supports the increased timeframe from 3 to 6 months.</p> <p>Submits that imposing a significant cost that is not justified in terms of the service provided to members of the community who are endeavouring to improve the building stock in Invercargill is counter-productive and completely at odds with the role of a City Council.</p>	<p>extension of time is appropriate then it will, most likely, be granted.</p> <p>The proposed timeframe for the first CPU is for six months, this is a three month extension on what it currently is.</p> <p>Any further CPU required may have a negotiable timeframe for work required.</p> <p>Where appropriate Council has the power to waiver a fee.</p>
BC007	Dale Gallagher	<p>Submitter understands the need to charge an according fee relative to work undertaken.</p> <p>Submits that basic renovations with no major structural changes to a building should not be subjected to this fee.</p>	Submission acknowledged.
BC008	Fraser Forsyth	<p>Submitter finds the proposed fair to be unfair and unjustified.</p> <p>Notes the threat of a \$5000 fee is unappealing to owners trying to improve their building.</p> <p>Submits that leaving the timeframe at three months encourages the owner to operate quickly and that if there were concern over safety that a CPU would not be issued.</p>	<p>Submission acknowledged.</p> <p>The proposal to increase the timeframe to six months is to ensure building owners a reasonable amount of time. If however, a shorter time period is requested, then Council is happy to oblige.</p>
BC009	David Blue – KGR Group	<p>Submitter does not agree with timeframe nor proposed fee.</p> <p>States it is the best interests of both building owners and Council to work together to get a CCC and this can often be outside of the owners control due to external parties.</p>	<p>Submission acknowledged.</p> <p>Staff acknowledge some merit to the sliding scale proposal.</p>

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		Submitter suggests a scaled system for subsequent CPU's on a six month rotation, as believes so long as an owner can show they are working toward a CCC then Council has an obligation to work with the owner.	
BC010	Lindsay Bowmar – Calder Stewart	Submitter is disappointed with this issue and states it stems from historical building work. Further states that they are unsure as to who will be expected to pay the fee and the type of dialogue that will be available to the owner when transitioning from a CPU to CCC. Submitter questions whether the fee will apply in cases where the Council is holding up the process. Would like further examples of situations to best understand the problem at hand.	Submission acknowledged. The building owner is responsible for the payment of the CPU, in some cases a building agent may be billed but will pass this fee onto the owner. Council enter into full dialogue with any building owner with outstanding problems in order to achieve a CCC.
BC011	Michael Hargest and Joanne Wilson – JL Hargest & Co Ltd and Afton Properties Ltd	Submitter states Council's guise of fee increases for public safety is misleading and out of touch with the reality of building upgrades. Submitter recently completed a project that would have cost \$48,000 under proposed fee. And claims it would not have provided any further safety to the public or tenants. States that penalising those who are trying to improve Invercargill's buildings and atmosphere of the City is short-sighted. Further submits that it is not possible to meet CCC requirements until tenants have been secured and determined requirements of fit-out are completed. Until the tenant is secured a fit-out cannot be funded. States that this fee increase will leave landlords	Submission acknowledged. CPU fee increase is designed to provide a significant incentive to owners to work quickly to CCC. It is unlikely that fees of up to \$48,000 would be imposed. If building work is being completed and Council is kept informed of developments there is every likelihood that the power of waiver would be used. Once CCC is issued then any further building work (such as the work required for a new tenant) would be completed under a new building consent. Then if public access is required this would be under a new CPU with the initial fee.

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		and property developers in disarray that may be less inclined to take on the risk of undertaking major projects around the City under this proposed fee.	
BC012	Greg McElhinney – Invercargill Licensing Trust	<p>Submitter states the increased fee is not about public safety rather to impose a penalty on owners unable to complete their work in time.</p> <p>Does not believe that it is a solution that the Director has authority to reduce or waive fees as it is wrong in principle to impose a penalty on those who cannot comply with time limits and then shift the onus on them to apply for a reduction or waiver.</p> <p>There is further no criteria proposed to exercise said discretion and owners do not have certainty about when the penalty may apply and when it will not.</p> <p>Submitter infers that when applying for a CPU you must comply with Council's detailed schedule of requirements whereupon the issue of public safety is addressed upon issue.</p> <p>Operating under a CPU ensures that the goodwill is protected of respective businesses as they are still able to operate during the construction process, and it is not always possible to be accurate with the timeframe for construction work.</p> <p>States that Council processing can be slow and cumbersome and that there is inconsistencies across various inspectors as to what remedial work is identified.</p> <p>Submitter notes that at the completion of a project when the inspector has been fully satisfied it can</p>	<p>Submission acknowledged.</p> <p>The CPU proposal is all about ensuring the buildings are safe for the public. This is done by encouraging owners to work towards CCC as efficiently as can be done.</p> <p>Buildings can be open to the public under a CPU and Council is aware of the importance of doing so to business clients. However they building owners also must work towards having a CCC issued.</p> <p>The proposed fee is not a penalty, it is an incentive to encourage the moving of Consents to CCC status.</p> <p>Submitters needs to be aware that if a CPU is declined then the Building must be closed.</p>

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		<p>take several weeks for staff to process the CCC.</p> <p>States that the imposition of a fee containing an element of penalty is unlawful and not permitted per Sections 240, 281A, 281B and 281C of the Building Act 2004.</p> <p>Suggests that Council issue CPU's for six months, and that a second/subsequent CPU may be declined if there has not been "reasonable progress" made toward the completion of CCC requirements. "Reasonable progress" is then measured by the owner's control over the project.</p> <p>Understand Council's desire but disagree with proposed method and state it has not been adopted elsewhere in NZ as it is unlawful but also potential to be unfair in its operation.</p>	
SM001	Albie Ford	Submitter supports the proposed fee increase.	Submission acknowledged.
SM002	Michael Heywood	<p>Submitter believes the fee increase of 1328.58% is ridiculous, if adopted will be subject to ridicule.</p> <p>States that as opposed to a draconian action, that pro-active policy of council officers assisting building owners to meet obligations would achieve Code Compliance Certificates being issued. Any further assistance offered by Council staff should not incur further costs.</p>	<p>Submission acknowledged.</p> <p>Council actively works with owners to achieve Code Compliance Certificates already.</p>
SM003	Hana Skeggs	<p>Submitter states the fee is ridiculous for small business owners.</p> <p>States they appreciate that some increase may be necessary but the increase touted is excessive.</p> <p>Businesses have their own health and safety procedures in place and the Council fee is not</p>	<p>Submission acknowledged.</p> <p>The proposed fee is only when building work is being undertaken and that building is kept open to the public.</p>

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		fair. Questions how the increase is justified.	
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Melanie Brierley

From: Graeme <graeme@gmdesigns.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 March 2017 2:59 p.m.
To: Policy
Subject: Re: Proposed new fee for Certificate of Public Use

What would the fee be for? You can charge for items that in reality may only take a couple of hours NO one will pay you! You cannot in the real world get paid higher fees that Consultants would charge anyway, as it is now the ICC offers staff that don't know what They are doing and are causing all sorts of bother to the extent that people are simply no bothering with the local authority requirements in general as they are so far from the reality of business returns for the requests they are making.

Graeme McMillan

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On 14/03/2017, at 11:01 AM, Policy <Policy@icc.govt.nz> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Your details have been supplied to me by the Invercargill City Council's Building Regulation Services Department as someone who may be affected by a proposed change to one of the fees that we charge. The Invercargill City Council proposes to introduce a new fee for a second or any subsequent Certificate(s) of Public Use (CPU) for Commercial Buildings issued under the Building Act 2004. The proposed fee is \$5,000. I have attached a copy of the Consultation Document and invite you to offer your feedback. To have your say on this proposal you need to provide feedback to the Invercargill City Council by **5pm, Tuesday 4 April, 2017**. Please note that submissions received on the proposed fee change will be made available to the public as required by the Local Government Act 2002 and subject to the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987. This will include the names and address of submitters.

Submissions can be made by:

emailing policy@icc.govt.nz

posting to:
 Melissa Short

Invercargill City Council
Private Bag 90104
Invercargill 9840

Or using the electronic submission link on the Invercargill City Council website under the Consultation Page <http://icc.govt.nz/public-documents/consultation/>

If you have any questions regarding the proposed fee please contact Brendan Monaghan, Manager – Building Services. If you have questions regarding the process please contact me.

Kind regards

Melissa

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Melanie Brierley

From: Keith Pyne | SSL <kpyne@schoolsupport.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 March 2017 2:18 p.m.
To: Policy
Subject: CPU Policy Change

Good afternoon.

This increase in charge cannot be justified or defended in any way when related to the service the ICC will provide to the client.

In fact the level of charge could be challenged in this regard.

I understand why you wish to do this to encourage projects to move to CCC
So state your intentions for what they are:

- A processing fee \$ 350.00
- A penalty fee of \$ 4650.00

Also be very sure it is not ICC that is holding up issue of CCC causing CPU to expire.

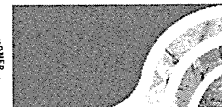
Regards,

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From: Al Pannett <apannett@jameshargest.school.nz>
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 1:44 p.m.
To: Policy
Subject: Submissions

More of a comment than a submission.

In reading between the lines there are Building owners who not requesting a compliance certificate in a timely manner. So the gigantic (one might suggest heavy handed) increase in fees is more of a financial incentive to deal with the problem in order to keep the local documentation up to speed.

I get the distinct impression this could easily become costly mistake for an organisation with minimal gains for public safety. I can see the council invoices flowing the day after the six month period is up. This doesn't sound like a council servicing it people rather it sounds to be regulatory for the purpose of keeping ducks in line. People will get caught out here at significant cost.

While it is possible to get an extension to the Compliance issue and Council is prepared to waive on a case by case basis, its another hoop to jump through.

It feels very much like the Fire Services three activation's in 12 months and here's you \$1000 administration fee. The fee does nothing to fix the problem they will waive it if you have a genuine reason but bad luck if some kid just activates the alarm.

Why not just have someone follow up the issue surely its just a cost to create that provision. But it can't be a \$5000 cost ?

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Melanie Brierley

From: Brent Richardson <brent@bgr.net.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2017 10:36 a.m.
To: Policy
Subject: Proposed fee for CPU

Please see below my “feedback” on the ICC's proposed \$5000 fee for renewing a CPU.

This sounds like blatant revenue collecting for a council that can't be run efficiently or effectively by its staff and when any elected councillors raise any concerns they are reminded that they have only a governing roll to play and to just sit there on their hands.

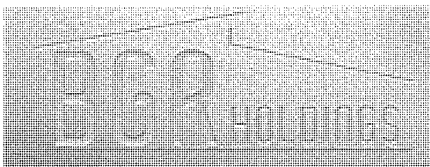
I am sure there are situations where a building owner relies on the CPU and not obtain a CCC but many times it can be the council itself that can't or won't issue one until they see a basic sign up or a reception counter to see if it complies...this is nothing to do with public safety but just the council covering its comfy arse. You can argue that 6 months is ample time to sort out these types of issues...but it surely isn't worthy of a \$5000 charge...why not just slap another \$500 notice to fix on it...no..don't. As I have stated before the council should be trying to build a relationship with its rate paying building owners...not drive a wedge between them. (No its not true that most don't have a problem with the council...most don't say anything in public)

I appreciate you are extending the timeframe on the initial CPU to 6 months but I do hope the council has the common sense to look at what is outstanding / non complying and take that into account when charging the owner (as you will increase it as you have asked for feedback, no matter what the feedback is you are following council protocol and can't be wrong).

These things can take time, like the ICC allowing a building to go 15 years without a Building WoF, then insisting it gets one in 20 days with the ever present threat of your “notice to fix” and \$500 fine or buildings that obtain BWoF for a number of years and then something from 4 years ago comes up and won't allow the issuing of the next one...and then to top it off....still send an invoice out for \$150 for filing said BWoF great way to build a relation with property owners....Keep shifting the goal posts and back tracking

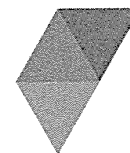
Many Thanks and Kind Regards

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3 April 2017

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Dear Melissa,

Introduction of New Fee Structure for Subsequent Certificate of Public Use Applications

Please find below the Ministry of Education's submission relating to the proposed introduction of a \$5,000 set fee for the issuing of second or subsequent Certificate of Public Use applications.

Introduction

I (as a Director of Reece Building Consultants Limited) have been asked by the Ministry of Education to prepare this submission on their behalf. I am a tertiary qualified construction professional (quantity surveyor and project manager) and have 10 years experience working within a Building Consent Authority as a Building Control Officer. Six of these years were in the role of Team Leader Inspections where one of my core responsibilities was the issuing Certificates of Public Use.

The Ministry's aim will always be to provide safe and compliant buildings and comply with the requirements of the Building Act at all times.

Proposal Concerns

1. Sections 363a of the Building Act provides a means for a person who owns, occupies or controls a building to apply for a Certificate of Public Use in order for them to use the building without a Code Compliance Certificate being issued. Other than the requirements for the application to be submitted on the prescribed form and for the applicant to provide suitable justification that building is in fact safe, there are no restrictions relating to applying for subsequent CPU's. We feel that the introduction of a \$5,000.00 fee for subsequent applications is punitive and a disproportionate cost given that the building will still comply to the same extent as it did when the initial CPU was issued. We are unaware of any sections of the Act which provide for a Territorial Authority to use a disproportionality high fee to discourage (or effectively prevent) an owner for applying for a subsequent CPU for a building that was previously deemed safe.
2. The Building Act provides the means for BCA's and Territorial Authorities to set fees or recover costs for the services they provide as described in Section 281a. However, we understand that these costs need to be justifiable, actual & reasonable (Section 281b) so must relate to the amount of administrative time, inspections and disbursements that apply

to the relevant application. We believe that the introduction of a \$5,000.00 fee for subsequent CPU applications could not be justified when the initial application fee is set at \$350.00.

3. We understand the Council's desire and requirement for owners to apply for a Code Compliance Certificate as soon as practicable after the building work is completed (as defined in section 92(2) of the Building Act). However, there are many situations throughout the life of a construction project that can influence the ability to be able to apply for a Code Compliance Certificate prior to the initial CPU expiring. Examples of these could be unforeseen works, supply delays or budgetary constraints and funding approvals. We believe that the Act provides the appropriate means for the Council to ensure that an application for a Code Compliance Certificate is received in a timely manner without limiting the ability for an owner to apply for a new or subsequent CPU. We assume that as with other BCA's, the Invercargill City Council is required to monitor the status of issued building consents to enable them to meet the requirements of section 93 of the Building Act. Section 93 states that if no application for a Code Compliance Certificate is received within two years from when the building consent was granted, the BCA must decide if the Code Compliance Certificate can be issued or alternatively, agree on a further time period with the owner. Upon notification of the decision to the owner (and if no application is received or agreed upon), the legislation then provides the means for a Notice to Fix to be issued. An infringement can then be issued which is in fact the punitive measure or penalty for an owner not complying with the requirements of the Act. It is our opinion that the Council should use the provisions provided in the Act rather than applying a blanket rule to all situations regarding subsequent CPU's.
4. The proposal raises issues of fairness with regards to the timeframes provided for initial CPU applications. The threat of a \$5,000.00 penalty will inevitably encourage applicants to apply for an exaggerated CPU period. The proposed system will effectively penalise those who provided realistic timeframes in their application but were unable to achieve them (for genuine reasons). We also have some concerns over the obvious practicalities of enforcing this in a fair manner.

Conclusion

We believe that the introduction of a \$5,000.00 for subsequent applications is a punitive measure and effectively prevents building owners for applying for CPU's as the Act provides for. We appreciate the fact the owners must apply for a Code Compliance Certificate 'as soon as practicable after the building work is completed', and this is and will always be the Ministry's goal.

We do not believe that the proposed \$5,000.00 fee represents the potential time and disbursements the council will incur in relation to issuing a secondary or subsequent Certificate of Public Use. Section 281b of the Building Act allows a Territorial Authority to increase a fee or charge if it is inadequate to meet the authority's actual and reasonable costs in performing a function or service. As such, an increase from the current set fee of \$350.00 would need to be justified to meet these requirements of the Act.

It is our opinion that the Building Act provides more appropriate and correct means for a Territorial Authority to encourage building owners to have work completed and certified rather than implementing an apparently unjustifiable fee. Again, Certificates of Public Use are a legitimate provision within the Act.

We also believe the that implementation of the proposed policy would be extremely difficult (if not impossible) to police in a fair and consistent manner. Those providing realistic timeframes for the completion of work would be penalised.

Please consider this document as the Ministry of Education's submission against the introduction of the proposed fee. I would be happy to discuss this matter further if required.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Box', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stefan Box

Reece Building Consultants (on behalf of the Ministry of Education).

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Submission to Council – Objection to Proposed Fee increase for second and subsequent CPU

My name is Sue Hill, I am a Property Manager employed by HWR Property Ltd. I have a total of 10 years' experience as a Property Manager, both in New Zealand and internationally with 3 years, with my current employer.

It is on the basis of my experience in the property industry that I base the following comments and observations strongly opposing the proposed fee increase for second and subsequent CPUs.

CPU Fee Increase

Firstly, I have found no financial justification for the proposed fee increase. Typically, local government fees are based on a cost-recovery regime, where the fair and reasonable costs incurred by the council are on-charged to the customer. I understand that this is the approach currently undertaken by the Invercargill City Council. The proposed fee hike from \$350 to \$5,000 is clearly not based on cost recovery and for that reason I consider this fee hike to be very unreasonable.

Secondly, I understand that the fee increase is intended to be a deterrent to property owners operating their commercial business using the CPUs and not completing the necessary buildings works to obtain the Code compliance certificate. In my experience, it is also unprecedented for a Council to charge a fee as a *deterrent*. I question whether this fee can be required legally, given it is clear that the \$5,000 is in no way related to services provided to the customer by the Council. In fact, no justification or explanation of the methodology used to derive this new fee of \$5,000 has been provided.

I have researched the fees charged by other Councils for CPU's, and set out my findings in the table below:

	Initial Fee	Other Charges	Second or Subsequent Fees
Auckland City Council	\$492	\$231 ¹	Same fees again
Christchurch City Council	\$430 / \$850 ²		\$347 - \$695 ³
Dunedin City Council	\$164	\$164 ⁴	Same fees again
Hamilton City Council	\$590		\$590
Nelson City Council	\$200	Staff Time	Same Fees again
Wellington City Council	\$234 ⁵	\$159 ⁶	Same fees again

It is notable that most Council's charge the same fees for initial CPU's and subsequent CPU's. I have not identified any Council's that charge fees in the vicinity of \$5,000. I therefore question whether or not these other Councils have a similar problem of outstanding Code of Compliances, and if so, I

¹ Extension of Time fee

² Commercial 1 & 2 or Commercial 3 – depending on complexity of work

³ Commercial 1 & 2 or Commercial 3 – depending on complexity of work

⁴ Inspection Charge (hourly Rate) AND Amendment fee (hourly rate)

⁵ \$75 Lodgement Fee plus \$159 initial Fee (including 1 hour processing time)

⁶ Additional processing time per hour

would be interested to know how these Council's manage this problem. Surely the Invercargill City Council could adopt a similar approach?

In my experience, the reasons why code of compliance certificates are stymied is varied, and often complex. Where code of compliance certification has been outstanding for some time, each situation should be considered on a case by case basis, in order to identify the reasons why CPU's are issued. I have requested information about the number and nature of CPU's issued by the Council currently, however, they did not have this information. I consider this information should be required to justify the fee increase, or any changes in this policy.

From my own experience, I note that CPU's are required when, at the time of FINAL inspection, some failure or requirement to fix is discovered that will take longer than the required opening time for the business. These things can be as a result of various situations, for example:

- (a) Substandard workmanship;
- (b) Building works have deviated from the consented works during the process and this variation has not been communicated effectively to the Council;
- (c) Council has misinterpreted plans at the consent stage and have realised at the end and requires remediation;
- (d) Building works are being done in stages due to builder or funding limitations and the consent is being held open to accommodate these future stages – this is a common occurrence.

When I have required CPUS's, the situation has been genuine and not a ploy to deter final code of compliance for the buildings I am responsible for. I have always endeavoured to address any items raised at the time of code of compliance within three months. However, in my experience, three month is generally not sufficient time to re-engage builders and complete the work.

Increase to the CPU Timeframe

As above the current three-month timeframe is too short for most remedial works to get CCC. This is because most contractors are scheduled to be finished the job, and have commitments to their next client. Re-engagement for remedial works cannot always be immediate. Further, the 'items to fix' may also require ordering in of materials etc, and again 3 months is not an adequate timeframe.

In some cases, there is dis-agreement with the items raised and again litigation process requires a longer timeframe, again, this delay is justified.

Conclusion

To conclude, I support the increase to the timeframe for CPU's as I have found that 3 months is not sufficient time to carry out the remedial building works required.

I strongly oppose the proposed increase in the fee for second and subsequent CPU's. In my experience, the use of CPU's is wholly justified and necessary and I am not aware of any situations where a CPU is used to deter the requirements to complete buildings works to code of compliance standards. Imposing a significant financial cost, and a cost that is not justified in terms of the services provided, to the members of the community who are endeavouring to improve the building stock in Invercargill is counter-productive and is completely at odds with the role of a City Council.

If public safety is genuinely at issue, then a more productive and no-doubt successful way would be to address the outstanding Code of Compliance certifications in a more targeted approach, where the Council's building officers work directly with the building owners to resolve the outstanding

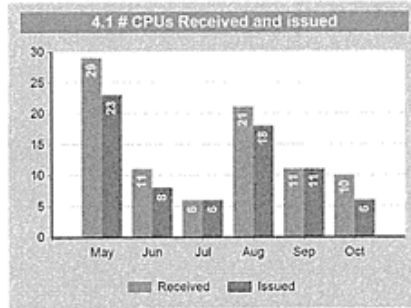
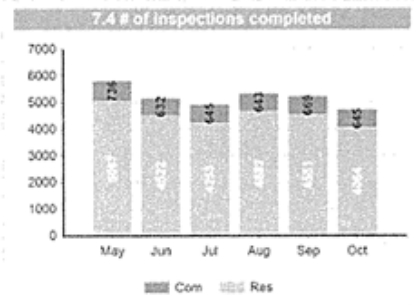
issues. Imposing a considerable fee as a deterrent, which is not based on costs incurred by the Council is wholly unjustified and, I suspect, unlawful.



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 Com - Commercial complexity Res - Residential complexity

Code Compliance Certificates (CCC) decisions (595 refuse and CCC issued)

Certificate of Public Use (CPU), PIMs and LIMs



Publicly available report. Of 4709 inspections only 10 CPU requests and on 6 issued. Low CPU numbers would indicate CCC issues very small.

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Melanie Brierley

From: mamidale@snap.net.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 29 March 2017 9:26 a.m.
To: Policy
Subject: cpu charges

To whom it may concern

I understand that the ICC needs to charge an according fee relative to the work being undertaken .A basic renovation with no major structural changes to the building should not be subject to the large new fee proposed.

Regards Dale Gallagher (owner 98 yarrow st ,also 89 deveron st)

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Melanie Brierley

From: Kim Forsyth <fraserandkim@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 29 March 2017 8:11 p.m.
To: Policy
Subject: Submission on fee increase for a subsequent CPU

To the Manager - Strategy and policy
Invercargill City council

I feel that the proposed fee for subsequent CPU for commercial buildings is an unfair and unjustified amount of money.

As the council would be aware, all building projects differ and even though you say you have the authority to waive these fees on a case to case basis, getting threatened with a \$5000 fee can leave a bitter taste for a building owner who is trying to improve their building

(trust me I know after the lastest episode with our BWOF which was totally out of our hands).

I think leaving the time frame at 3 months for a CPU encourages the building owner to complete the work on the property as quick as possible. I'm sure that if the council had concerns with the safety of a building a CPU would not be issued.

Your sincerely,

Fraser Forsyth

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Melanie Brierley

From: David Blue <davidb@kgr.net.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 April 2017 11:43 a.m.
To: Policy
Cc: Greg Singh; Gordon McMillan
Subject: Proposed new fee for CPU

To whom it may concern

I am property manager for KGR Group which has a number of buildings in Invercargill as well as Niagara Sawmilling in Kennington.

While I understand why council is looking to tighten up on CPU's I do not agree with the time frame and the proposed fee of \$5,000 for the second or subsequent CPU's.

Surely it is in the best interest of both building owners and Council to work together to get a COC while working on CPU's, sometimes this can take extra time outside of the building owners control due to dealing with contractors and engineers.

I suggest a scaled system, I agree with the initial CPU of six months at a cost of \$350. If the building owner can show he is actively working towards the COC then the second CPU could be at a cost of \$750 for a further six months. If after twelve months the building owner can show he is still working towards the COC, the third six month CPU could be at a cost of \$1,500. If at this stage, the building owner has done nothing then agree there should be a bigger cost for a CPU say \$3,000 not \$5,000.

It's all about intent, if the building owner can show he is working towards a COC then Council has an obligation to work with him while operating on a CPU.

I look forward to the outcome.

Regards

David Blue

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Melanie Brierley

From: Lindsay Bowmar <Lindsay.Bowmar@calderstewart.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 April 2017 4:43 p.m.
To: Policy
Subject: FW: CPU Policy Change

To the Manager - Strategy & Policy

It is extremely disappointing for builders such as ourselves to be expected to address this issue with you when we believe the problem stems from historical building work.

Is it the councils intention to encourage multiply consent applications for one site and thereby increase the fee revenue up front.?

Who is expected to pay this increased penalty. The builder who may have applied for the Building Consent or the owner?

What dialog will be entered into by council to assist with obtaining a CCC when obviously there is a problem still when nearing the end of a CPU period?

Are the proposed changes to apply for when the ICC is the reason for the hold up in obtaining CCC?

I think that we need to be provided with examples of situations that have caused you to consider this significant change so that we can better understand the problem.

I would be interested in attending the forum on the 10th April to listen and learn.

Yours faithfully

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Melanie Brierley

From: Jo Wilson <jowilson49@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 3 April 2017 11:52 p.m.
To: Policy
Subject: CPU fee increase

26 Crewe Street
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3 April 2017

The Manager – Strategy and Policy
Invercargill City Council

Re: The recently advised CPU fee rise

Reading numerous news articles outlining the decline of the CBD and how the council plans to revitalize the area, we are wondering how putting up fees by 14 times the current fee is going to incentivise landlords to take on projects in the CBD and around Invercargill. Your guise of fee hikes for public safety is misleading and out of touch with the reality of building upgrades.

We have recently finished a project that took four years to complete. This involved going from no tenant to 10 tenancies. All work was carried out with safety to the tenants and the public in mind. Areas that weren't tenanted were locked off from the public and had monitored fire alarms installed. Under your proposed fee hike the extra cost of our upgrade would have been \$48,000. It would not have provided any more safety to the public or our tenants. Penalizing those trying to improve Invercargill's buildings and the atmosphere of the city is extremely short sighted and will backfire.

Securing tenants takes time. It is not possible to meet the requirements of a CCC until tenants have been found and therefore it is necessary to have consecutive CPU's. This is for two reasons. One is that until the prospective tenant has determined their requirements regarding the fit out of the tenancy, it cannot be completed. Also, until there is some hope of a tenant being signed up, a fit out cannot be funded.

Going ahead with this fee hike will result in a severe backlash from landlords and property developers, some of whom have completed some very major projects around the city recently. They may be less inclined to take on this risk under your proposed exorbitant fees.

Yours sincerely

Michael Hargest
Director/ Owner of JL Hargest & Co Ltd and Afton Properties Ltd

Joanne Wilson
Director/ Owner of JL Hargest & Co Ltd and Afton Properties Ltd

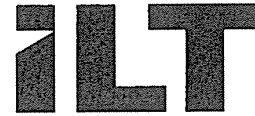
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Dear Sir/Madam

1. The Invercargill Licensing Trust wishes to make a formal submission in respect of the Council's proposal to introduce a new fee for the second or any subsequent certificates of public use for commercial buildings.
2. Background
 - 2.1 The consultation document records that the motivation for the new fee is public safety.
 - 2.2 It goes on to record that the increase is to minimise risk to both the building owners and the Council by promoting completion of the building work and the issue of a Code Compliance Certificate.
 - 2.3 The proposal is also to extend the time the CPU is in effect from 3 months to 6 months, and suggests that the Director of Environmental and Planning Services will consider waiving or reducing the fees for second and subsequent CPUs if extenuating circumstances exist.
 - 2.4 CPUs are more commonly required where extensions or refurbishment is being carried out to existing buildings and existing businesses and it is necessary to keep the business going during construction. In the case of new buildings months of professional and administrative delays sometimes mean that a CPU is the only reasonable way to get the business up and running prior to the CCC being available.
3. Fee Increase
 - 3.1 In our view the increase is not about public safety, but is designed to impose a penalty on owners who are unable to complete the required work for the issue of a CCC within 6 months of the issue of a CPU. The fee will apply whether the reason for that inability is the size of the building project, the owner's tardiness, the tardiness of others such as builders, engineers, architects or other professionals, or problems within Council itself. Such a penalty is quite unreasonable and unfair when most of those reasons that might result in delay will be outside the control of the owner.
 - 3.2 It is not a solution that the DEPS is given authority to reduce or waive the fees. It is wrong in principle to impose a penalty on everybody who cannot comply with the time limits, and then cast the onus on them to apply for a reduction or waiver.

- 3.3 Furthermore there is no criteria proposed to guide the exercise of discretion by the DEPS in deciding whether to grant reduction or waiver. Owners do not therefore have any certainty about when the penalty will apply and when it will not, and will not necessarily be able to avoid it.
- 3.4 As to the issue of public safety Council have a detailed schedule of requirements that must be satisfied before a CPU is issued. Most of them address matters of health and safety and are designed to ensure that public use of a building during construction does not give rise to any real risk. The consultation paper itself notes that the CPU "is primarily concerned with safety systems to be sure that the public can use the building safely and in the event of fire can evacuate."

4. The Time Period

- 4.1 The proposal is that CPUs be issued for a period of 6 months rather than 3 months as at present, and if 6 months is not long enough then a second CPU may be available (at significant cost).
- 4.2 This is of particular concern to us because we undertake many extensions and refurbishments to existing businesses, and to protect the goodwill of the respective businesses they need to be able to continue to operate during the construction process.
- 4.3 It is not always possible to be accurate with the timeframe for the construction work. There are many occasions when unexpected issues are uncovered during construction which both extend the time for the work and increase the cost.
- 4.4 Further, some building work will simply take longer than 6 months.
- 4.5 An example is the recent refurbishment of Emberz Restaurant at Ascot, which has required the issue of 3 successive CPUs to date.
- 4.6 There is also the problem of paperwork delays which cannot always be anticipated, and which are not within our power to rectify. For example the way Council staff currently process CCCs means that in most cases it would be almost impossible to get them issued within 6 months. Council processing can in our experience be slow and cumbersome. It is not uncommon for an inspector to identify work that needs to be completed, and when the same or a different inspector inspects the remedial work they will identify further (unrelated) problems, and the process starts again. This may be repeated several times.
- 4.7 Even at the completion of a project when the inspector has been fully satisfied it can take several weeks for Council staff to process a CCC.

5. Penalty

- 5.1 We believe that the increased fee is a penalty to encourage early completion of building work but will be imposed sometimes in circumstances where that is not possible.
- 5.2 We believe that the imposition of a fee containing an element of penalty in these circumstances is unlawful and is not permitted by Sections 240, 281A, 281B and 281C of the Building Act 2004 which authorises Council to charge fees.

6. Alternative

- 6.1 Rather than increase the fees, or try to find a CPU term that fits all circumstances, we suggest Council considers the adoption of a policy as follows :
- 6.1.1 That CPUs will be issued for a period of 6 months;
- 6.1.2 That second or subsequent CPUs may be declined if there has not been reasonable progress made towards completion of the project and completion of the requirements for the issue of a CCC;
- 6.1.3 "Reasonable progress" means progress which is within the owner's control.
- 6.2 This should give Council some control over delays caused by the dilatoriness of owners, without imposing penalties on owners where delays are outside their control.

7. Summary

- 7.1 We understand Council's desire to avoid having CPUs in operation for unnecessarily long periods. However we disagree with the proposed method of dealing with the issue and note as we understand it this is not something which has been adopted anywhere else in New Zealand. Perhaps this is because it would be unlawful (para 5.2 above), but also because it has the potential to be quite unfair in its operation.

Yours sincerely



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Q2: I wish to be heard before full Council on the 10 April 2017 (with 11th April scheduled as a reserve day). No

Q3: My submission is as follows:

I agree with the proposed fee increase.

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Q2: I wish to be heard before full Council on the 10 April 2017 (with 11th April scheduled as a reserve day). No

Q3: My submission is as follows:

The Invercargill City Council proposes to introduce a new fee for the second or any subsequent Certificates of Public Use (CPU) for Commercial Buildings issued under the Building Act 2004 (the Act). The proposed fee is \$5,000.

I think the proposed increase of 1328.58% as outlined in the proposal is absolutely ridiculous. If adopted the Invercargill City Council will become the laughing stock of the country, once the national press become aware, as they inevitably will.

Instead of Council adopting the draconian stand over approach as proposed, I suggest a pro active policy of council officers actively assisting building owners to meet their obligations, would achieve the desired result of Code Compliance Certificates being issued, without causing undue resentment and animosity. Any assistance provided should not incur further Council charges.

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Q2: I wish to be heard before full Council on the 10 April 2017 (with 11th April scheduled as a reserve day). No

Q3: My submission is as follows:

The increase in fee is ridiculous for small business owners. Appreciate that some increase may be necessary, however \$350 to \$5000 is excessive. Businesses have their own health and safety procedures in place and therefore the council imposing such a significant fee is not fair. How can such an increase be justified?