

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?: No

I am able to attend:

I intend to attend:

Would you like to be added to our database to be notified of future consultations?: Yes

Your Details

Full Name: Sophie Febery

Do you agree with our preferred option or do you support another option?

Drinking water meters: Don't install meters

Let us know why: I don't really understand the ins and outs of this one, my feeling is that I prefer less monitoring in general and worry that one day water may become privatised, I would want a guarantee that this will never happen. I also worry about the cost and raw materials used to install all these meters. How long will they last? Who will monitor them? Where are they being sourced? What are the pay conditions of the people who are manufacturing them? Are we supporting unsound environmental practices in other countries so we can improve the environment in our own?

Elderly Persons Housing: Status quo - inflationary rent increases + general rate

Let us know why: I am strongly supportive of social housing for our valued elderly folk, it's hard enough living on a pension, I am very happy to subsidise their housing by my own rates. I would much rather pay for this than for a new library. In fact, we need more housing of this sort, and it needs to extend beyond just "elderly". As a GP in Methven I see folks who don't meet the criteria for elderly housing and end up living in caravans because they have other medical issues that restrict their ability to rent at market rates. We desperately need options for these people. Please care for people first and build more social housing in Methven and Ashburton for not just elderly but those with medical challenges too. The rates increase for the rest of us to help subsidise their rent is pittance and if the council needs to save money there are plenty of apparently unnecessary projects on your plan. I'd rather a happy, healthy and housed community than fancy looking buildings. Please note again: I know people LIVING IN CARAVANS because they can't access affordable housing. This is NOT acceptable in a developed country and a growing district.

What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?: