

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

I am able to attend: Evening

I intend to attend: In-person

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

### **Your Details**

Full Name: Richard Ian Sheppard

Organisation: Cinema Paradiso

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

Drinking water meters: Don't install meters

Let us know why: The water supply in and around the Methven area has not been sufficient or adequate for many years. Businesses as well as homes frequently having to follow the water boil notice. Often not knowing until too late too. The idea that being on water meters because the council cannot fully carry out its responsibilities to the community is unfair and unreasonable.

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

Let us know why: Vulnerable residents require support as opposed to being responsible for paying more for the upkeep of their housing.

What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?: The proposed rate increase within the Methven area is unreasonable. As both a home owner and running a business this will have a dramatic negative effect especially the business. Since COVID it has been especially difficult to continue the business which will now see an increase in rent which will be even more crippling. This will mean that more businesses will struggle to make ends meet with this increase which is not reflected around the Ashburton District fairly.