

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?:

Yes

I am able to attend: Morning, Afternoon

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: Alister Argyle

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

Drinking water meters: Spread over 3 years - Our preferred option

Let us know why:

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

Let us know why:

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

1. The busy intersection of Park Street with Havelock Street is hazardous during business hours and especially so when approached from outside the Dental Centre on Park Street when heading South. The two closest car parks on Havelock Street, (opposite St Andrews Church), prevent a clear line of vision of vehicles traveling West on Havelock Street. Any chance of sighting approaching vehicles from the left is impossible if the parked vehicles are SUVs. This is an accident waiting to happen in an area where there is a steady flow of traffic because of two nearby primary schools. Losing two car parks on Havelock Street seems a small price to ensure a safe intersection.
2. Wills Street from the West Street end beside the Ashburton Domain needs to be closed to trucks/all heavy vehicles. It has become a frequently used "detour" when West Street is backed up with traffic. These trucks are regularly observed to turn onto Wills Street, to avoid the traffic backlog and because, apart from the Walker Street intersection, there are a series of right of way intersections. These massive vehicles then travel along Oak Grove, Belt Road and back onto the highway via Racecourse Road. The West Street end of Wills Street is often used by families taking excited children to the duck pond and the intrusion of these heavy vehicles is another accident waiting to happen. Heavy vehicles are already prohibited from using Wills Street apart from in very limited circumstances under the District's bylaws but this prohibition is regularly and increasingly flouted.
3. Freedom Camping within the urban area at least needs to be made illegal and this needs to be enforced within the town centre. Freedom camping frequently happens beside the Domain and also outside the Library (where access to wifi seems to be the attraction!). The reasons for prohibiting this illegal parking are obvious.
4. As in other towns in New Zealand, the use of air brakes in the town should be prohibited between the hours of say 10pm and 7am. This applies

to West Street and East Street. The use of horns is prohibited by law during the same period and air brakes are even more intrusive and should be similarly prohibited.