

Date of Response	Topic	Question	Response
22-Sep-22	Intensification Questions	<i>Please see attached PDF</i>	Please see the attached PDF
22-Sep-22	Shipping container depot in Cumnor Terrace	<i>I am keen to know more about the operations going all night and the noise generated that disturbs nearby residents. Have there been many complaints and can they be enforced more?</i>	Please see the attached PDF
22-Sep-22	Climate Change Action Events	N/A	Please see the attached PDF Memo
23-Sep-22	Water, Rates, Disability Inclusivity, Council Costs,	<i>Please see attached PDF</i>	Please see attached PDF

Intensification Questions

Below is a CCC submission on 2 October 2019 on the NPS-UD which the Mayor signed:

Christchurch City does not have a housing capacity issue. This was demonstrated in Christchurch's first Housing Land Capacity Assessment in 2017/18 and in its Future Development Strategy 2018-2048 "Our Space", undertaken with adjoining councils. It is also evidenced by the government recently announcing its intention to sell all 75 Kiwibuild houses in Canterbury due to lack of demand.

Extent of the Christchurch Urban Area

17. Many of the policies in the NPS-UD will now only apply to Major Urban Centres, including Christchurch. Statistics New Zealand defines the Christchurch Urban Area as wholly contained within Christchurch City Council's boundaries. The application of the term 'Major Urban Centres' as set out on pages 19 and 20 of the discussion document should technically be consistent with the Statistics New Zealand definition of the Christchurch Urban Area, and thus for Christchurch not extend beyond the Christchurch City Council boundary. However, Greater Christchurch operates as a single housing and business market, so it is important that the proposed NPS-UD does apply also to those parts of Waimakariri and Selwyn Districts that form part of Greater Christchurch (as set out in Table 2). There are elements of the NPS that need to be specifically considered by those areas, for example intensification.

[Council submissions to external agencies : Christchurch City Council \(ccc.govt.nz\)](http://ccc.govt.nz) it's under Ministry for the environment.

Questions and Answers:

Re: Number of Tier 1 Councils

1. I thought there were only 5 Tier one cities plus Rotorua. Where does the fourteen figure circulated in the media come from?

The Tier 1 cities are those listed below with the relevant Territorial Authorities listed in the right hand column i.e. The District and City Councils required to implement MDRS totals 14.

Table 1

Tier 1 urban environment	Tier 1 local authorities
Auckland	Auckland Council
Hamilton	Waikato Regional Council, Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council, Waipā District Council
Tauranga	Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Wellington	Wellington Regional Council, Wellington City Council, Porirua City Council, Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt City Council, Kāpiti Coast District Council
Christchurch	Canterbury Regional Council, Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council

Re: CCC submission on Enabling Act?

1. Could you forward the 30 page submission of the Council requesting we not be included in a Tier One City?

Please see below links to relevant submissions, which expresses Council's views on the draft/ proposed National Policy Statements on Urban Development and the Enabling housing bill. None of the submissions below sought that Council be excluded as a Tier One City.

Council's submission on the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill (November 2021)

<https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Request-information/2021/Christchurch-City-Council-submission-on-the-Resource-Management-Enabling-Housing-Supply-and-Other-Matters-Amendment-Bill.pdf>

Council's submission on the proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development (October 2019)

<https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Request-information/2019/Compliance-and-practice/CCC-Submission-NPS-on-Urban-Development.pdf>

Council's submission on the proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development (February 2016)

<https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Request-information/2016/CCC-Submission-to-MfE-NPS-on-Urban-Development.pdf>

For reference, you can find all of Council's submissions on the following webpage – <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/request-information/council-submissions-to-external-agencies>

2. Could you forward the letter rejecting our request?

There is no letter staff can recall from the Ministry in response to its submission.

3. Was there any possibility of appealing?

There are not appeal rights on legislative changes made by Parliament.

4. Are there any hard copy of submissions?

We have not printed hard copies as there are thousands of pages and it would be very costly.

Re: Christchurch being a Tier One City

1. When was Christchurch declared a Tier One City? My recall it was part of National Policy Statement on Urban Development. Was it formally gazetted - if so could I have the Notice?
The NPS-UD 2020 and the 2021 amendments to the RMA both define the Council as being Tier 1. A gazette notice was not required.

2. Were there rights of appeal?

There is no right of appeal against statutes and national policy statements.

3. I am aware Chch was included as a Tier One City when the legislation went through the House in August 2020. Was there any statement from government that we were a Tier One City? Could I have any correspondence?

You might research whether there are any government statements about it on NZ Govt websites.

As resolved by the Council last week, the Mayor has sent a letter to the Minister for the Environment setting out the Council's and community's concerns about the new provisions in the RMA to enable housing supply for Tier 1 councils. The letter asks that the Minister and officials work alongside the Council to find a bespoke solution for Ōtautahi Christchurch, that meets the Government's objectives whilst enabling the development of a well-functioning and sustainable urban environment.

We need to allow the Minister and Government officials time to consider their response, before we can progress further. We expect to be able to provide further information, as appropriate, as the process proceeds.

The Mayor's letter is available to read on the Council's website:

<https://newsline.ccc.govt.nz/news/story/mayor-calls-for-bespoke-christchurch-approach-to-housing-intensification>

Shipping container depot in Cumnor Terrace

Since June 2022 Council has received 30 noise complaints for the site at 320A Cumnor Terrace about container yard activities as well as construction/earthworks, 6 of which have had a noise assessment as unreasonable. On the first occasion that this determination was reached our noise control officers conducted a monitoring visit (23 August 2022) at 2 properties on Long Street and it was determined that the noise levels measured were found to be non-complying with the Christchurch District Plan noise rules for night time activity. As a result of this we gave the owner/operator an instruction to implement noise mitigation measures. Officers noted down activities that were contributing to the noise as part of our compliance assessment, so that we could conduct a further noise assessment after the operators had had a chance to put mitigation measures in place.

Council noise control officers conducted a further noise assessment last night to ensure that there was compliance with District Plan rules. Unfortunately the site was not in operation when staff arrived; however noise assessments were undertaken to gain a base line of night time noise levels when the container yard was not in operation.

As the site was not in operation last night, staff will carry out additional assessments over the forthcoming week to determine whether the remedial measures put in place by the company have effectively reduced the noise levels to comply with the Christchurch District Plan. If compliance with the Christchurch District Plan noise rules is not achieved after re-assessment, Council will consider an escalated enforcement approach to address any non-compliance which can include fines or an abatement notice.

With regards to the visual obstruction residents are facing with containers being stacked – this matter is still being assessed as part of our ongoing investigations.

Memo

Date: Thursday 22 September
From: Tony Moore, Climate Resilience Lead
To: Mayor and Councillors, Community Boards
Cc: ELT
Reference: [REDACTED]

Summary of climate action events

1. Purpose of this Memo

- 1.1 The purpose of this memo is to update elected members on the wide range of recent and upcoming climate action events being led and supported by the Council. We encourage elected members to share upcoming events via your own channels and networks using the links provided here.
- 1.2 The information in this memo is not confidential and can be made public.

2. Update

- 2.1 The Council is proud to be partnering with the University of Canterbury for the upcoming Titohu Tūroa Sustainability Showcase on Friday 28 October. The free event presents a showcase of research and action towards addressing the climate emergency and creating a more sustainable future.

People can hear from top speakers driving sustainability outcomes locally and nationally, including the Chair of the Climate Change Commission, Ngāi Tahu, leading academics, Christchurch City Council staff, students and business leaders. Our staff are partnering with equivalent academics to deliver the following presentations:

- Prof Simon Kingham, Human Geography, University of Canterbury and Chief Science Advisor, Ministry of Transport and Lynette Ellis, Head of Transport and Waste, Christchurch City Council on 'Changing travel in Ōtautahi Christchurch: how, what and why'
- Professor Bronwyn Hayward (MNZM), Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Canterbury and Director of The Sustainable Citizenship and Civic Imagination Research group and [REDACTED], Team Leader Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning, Christchurch City Council on 'The climate crisis: Challenges for cities and opportunities for community participation, a focus on children and young people'
- Associate Professor Justin Morgenroth, Postgraduate Director of Studies, University of Canterbury School of Forestry and Andrew Rutledge, Head of Parks, Christchurch City Council on 'Urban forests: critical for a sustainable city'

The event will be announced via Newsline tomorrow (Friday 23 September) and we will be promoting it across our channels.

- 2.2 The Council is proud to support the upcoming [Superhome](#) tour. This initiative gives people the opportunity to visit eight Superhomes within the greater Christchurch area that are super-

insulated and use the sun to stay warm and dry in winter and utilise shading and thermal mass to keep cool in summer. The tour runs between 10am and 4pm, Saturday 24 September and Sunday 25 September.

- 2.3 The Libraries' [Sustainable Living series](#) has been happening throughout August and September with a series of talks and practical events to encourage sustainable living solutions, including waste minimisation and composting solutions, clothing rescue workshops, stash swaps, plant and seed swaps.

The series was kicked off with a talk by author Chris Long, which received [national news coverage](#) and attracted over 100 attendees.

- 2.4 The recent Take Charge Christchurch Expo saw nearly 9000 people visit Te Pae over two days. The event was the largest display of new battery electric vehicles in the country, with 56 cars, vans, off-roaders, motorbikes, mopeds and a ute. The event received national [news](#) and television coverage.

- 2.5 The Christchurch Conversations – Towards 2030 series is an ongoing suite of events that aims to expand discussions about how to achieve the district's 2030 climate targets. The series is a partnership between Te Pūtahi, Christchurch City Council and series research partner, The Building Better Homes Towns and Cities: National Science Challenge.

The latest event 'Can Christchurch plant its way out of climate change?' took place earlier this week at Tūranga with a panel of experts discussing the benefits of urban forests, street trees and offsetting. It can be viewed [here](#). The next event 'Overcoming climate inaction' will be held on Tuesday 25 Oct, 6-7:30pm at Tūranga and will explore what the barriers are to climate action and how we can overcome them.

- 2.6 Along with other councils across the country, we're proud to partner with Kate Meads to bring a series of waste reduction workshops to the community. The latest series of [Waste Free With Kate Meads](#) wrapped up earlier this month and the next workshops will kick off in early 2023. The three courses cover:

- **Waste Free Parenting** – for those curious about waste reduction with babies and toddlers in the home. You'll be surprised how much extra rubbish comes along with the little ones, and it's actually quite avoidable.
- **Waste Free Living** - for people who don't know where to start and those who want to learn more about where their waste goes and what they can do about it.
- **Foodlovers Masterclass** - fun and informative sessions to inspire with plenty of tips and tricks to reduce food waste.

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this memo.

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Various Questions Regarding, Water, Rates, Disability Inclusivity, Council Costs

1. What legal agreements does CCC have and/or currently planning with respect to city water ownership? Date of agreements and/or types of arrangement being considered?
At this time CCC has no legal agreements in place or being planned with regards ownership of our waters assets. The Government is progressing legislation to move Council waters assets into a new waters entity and until that legislation is in place we will not know what, if any, agreements may be required.
2. The change to CCC balance sheet caused by water change of ownership?
We are still working through the impact of the 3 Water change on our balance sheet, this will be impacted by the forecast capital programme up to the date of transfer and what we assets and debt we agree with the government is to be transferred. Our initial calculations are as at June 2024 that Infrastructure assets will decrease by approx. \$6 billion, and debt will reduce by \$1 billion.
3. The cost of interest rates including when debt falls due and/or the limit CCC has currently with respect to debt?
The limit on net Debt for 2022/23 is 295% of revenue or approx. \$2.92 billion. Current Council net debt is approx \$1.5 billion.
Council has circa \$2 billion of Gross debt, of which circa \$1.5 billion is paid for by Rates (the rest is on-lent to associated entities in the Council Group, like Christchurch City Holdings, so is paid for by the interest that Council charges to those entities). Rates-funded debt (or “net debt”) must not exceed 295% of total Council revenue, which is about \$2.9 billion.

Council’s debt instruments are issued for a range of tenors, usually between 1 and 10 years, and at a mix of fixed and floating interest rates (the intention of which is to minimise the volatility of overall ratepayer interest costs from one year to the next). The overall interest rate cost on ratepayer debt in 2022/23 is expected to be around 4.7%.
4. Cost to date of CCC building HQ in full to date?
\$146,482,813
5. Cost per year for CCC building HQ?
Overall Civic building operating costs for 2022/23 budgeted at \$15.1 million net.
6. What plans and/or action with respect to Green waste plant staying and/or moving and or closing down. What are the names of reports and dates you have on this matter?
There have been two recent reports to Council and the links are below. We are currently in a procurement process to assess the options for a new facility, as such we cannot comment further on that part of the process.
[Supplementary Agenda of Finance and Performance Committee - Thursday, 28 April 2022 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#)
[Supplementary Agenda of Finance and Performance Committee - Thursday, 26 May 2022 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#)
7. What reports names and/or requests have been made for Council cost savings?
Cost savings are reported to Council regularly and through various means. For example, refer to staff savings proposed to Council in updated Draft 2020/21 Annual Plan (due to

Covid-19), also to 2021 Long Term Plan root and branch review, External Advisory Group report, and more generally in Annual Plan, Executive Leadership Team and Council reviews, normal management activity. These can be accessed from public Finance and Performance Committee and Council agendas.

8. What ways have been identified to get better value from Council expenses?
Council management and staff are continually reviewing costs and processes for efficiencies and better value while meeting strategic priorities whilst still maintaining our levels of service. Refer to 7.
9. Can most information be made live so staff and everyone else see thing as they happen?
As per question 7 above. Financial reports are all on public agendas.
10. Who in CCC is the contact person for our community responsive, fully accessible, and inclusive for disabled people of all impairment types?
CCC has an inclusive Communities advisor. However, CCC also has an accessibility working party chaired by Cr Aaron Keown which is addressing improvements in capitol delivery projects
11. What policy does CCC have with respect to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and what policy does CCC have on this matter?
CCC recognises the UNCRPD and addresses that by having dedicated staff, a Disability Advisory Group made up of community members and an accessibility working party.
12. I request the CEO to seek an independent report with respect to the vote yesterday concerning housing density concerning Phil Mauger interests due to his vote on the matter.
This is not a request for information. The Chief Executive does not consider this necessary. A summary of advice given to Cr Mauger was conveyed in the public meeting by the Mayor.