

# TABLED INFORMATION: PAULINE SWANN REFERENCE B

Oral Submission to WCC on 19/12/13 by P and A Swann

Thank you for the opportunity to raise a few points in regard to the Draft Annual Plan.

First like many of our friends we are concerned with the timing of this plan to be discussed and passed just a week before Christmas and then along with many other submissions to go out for consultation in February/March not to mention the BOI hearing on the Flyover.

Of concern also is the lateness of the Reports for the various committee meetings which allows very little time for groups and individual ratepayers to prepare an oral submission. Over many years I have received by email advice of all the council meetings plus agendas at least a week before the meetings which for those of us with many other interests and demands on our time can plan our calendars weeks ahead not hours!

Now for the main points 3 of which I have already emailed to you all and only acknowledged by the Mayor's secretary and the Deputy Mayor Justin Lester.

1. The regular cutting of all grass verges, play areas, banks. For a number of years this has been of concern to many of our friends and neighbours and just last week after my letter supporting other ratepayers re the lack of general suburb maintenance and cleanliness I had a number of calls.. For any of you interested I have a series of emails dating from December 2012 (which included Mr Poole, the Mayor and our local councillors, Foster, Morrison and Coughlan.) until the latest November 19<sup>th</sup>. WHICH WAS VERY REVEALING AS IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT CONTRACTORS TO CUT CERTAIN AREAS AND IN some instances half of these grass banks are cut twice and the other half four times!

2. The regular cleaning of gutters, drains of leaves etc and in particular cabbage tree leaves which do not compost down and block drains etc

WITH THE DECISION TO BRING BACK CAR PARKING WARDENS INTO COUNCIL THE CONSTANT CRY WE HEAR FROM OUR VARIOUS CLUBS ETC BRING BACK CITI OPS

3. Concern re our Wellington electricity is run from Auckland via Hong Kong! So lengthy delays in street light outages.

Finally THE NEW LOGO....even some of the Newspapers think it is an embarrassment and almost impossible to read and how much do these full page ads cost us with just an almost invisible logo in the bottom right hand corner and even heard a business man on Newstalkzb yesterday ask who are they meant to attract to Wellington. Let us admit a Christmas tree on Midland Park or other parts of the city would give more pleasure than these so called promotions.

Thank You

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