



## Are Porirua City Councillors exercising control over costs?

### Cost concerns

- Over several years the city's debt has increased by over \$25 million which is a real concern for ratepayers.
  - I believe our debt is higher than forecast!
  - Are Councillors trying to hide the extent of these mistakes?
    - Is there or has there been a claim against the PCC for delays caused to the Transmission Gully Road development?
    - Are we having to buy leaky homes due to PCC construction oversight mistakes?
    - What cost over runs have there been on Council projects such as the renovation of Council offices?
    - Why have we wasted funds on the Cobham Court 'playland' when infrastructure projects should have been a priority?
    - Is there a substantial liability for future roading maintenance costs when Transmission Gully opens?
    - Why is the Land Holding Review taking so long to action?
  - Porirua Councillors - as residents we need forthright and honest communication with ratepayers!
- I am happy to meet and discuss these issues with Councillors or to hold public debates over these issues.
  - Our city needs strong and thoughtful leadership. Are Councillors are providing this?

### Leadership from Mayor Mike

- As an example, a Rotorua home with a rateable value of \$545,000 pays \$548pa less than in Porirua. Why?
- As an example, a Porirua home with a rateable value of \$600,000 will soon be paying \$1000pa more than a similar value home in Lower Hutt. Why?
- I understand the city has provided the Mayor with a new car. Low income ratepayers will not be able to afford such a luxury.
- I understand that PCC paid half of the costs of your three week trip to China. I do not see any advantage to Porirua city, but is the organisation that paid the other half contributing to your Mayoral campaign?
- There is a book about leadership in governance called "The Fish Rots from the Head" by Bob Garrett. I would suggest that you read it in the interests of providing better leadership.

### Governance by Councillors

- You have already approved a Long Term Plan that will continue to make Porirua city increasingly uncompetitive with the five other urban cities in New Zealand.
- Why not set targets to make Porirua competitive with other urban cities in a progressive manner over the next 10 years?
- Your policies are making Porirua unaffordable for low income homeowners and are driving them from our city.

### Porirua is already a fantastic city, but we need a better quality of leadership from Council

I have set up a web site [www.iloveporirua.nz](http://www.iloveporirua.nz). I am happy to talk to residents associations, church groups, marae and city councillors about improving our choices.

You can email me on: [chriskb@iloveporirua.nz](mailto:chriskb@iloveporirua.nz)

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