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Plan Summary being delivered to letterboxes

Delivery of the 12 page, colour Summary of Invercargill's Draft Ten Year Plan (Towards 2019) to residents and ratepayers starts this weekend, the Invercargill City Council announced today.

Corporate Planner Pamela Gare said that starting this weekend, the Summary would be delivered over the next week to letterboxes in Invercargill and Bluff. It would also be posted to out-of-town ratepayers.

The Summary is a reader-friendly version of the full 250 page Draft Ten Year Plan.

The Draft Ten Year Plan and the Summary contain seven key issues on which Council is asking for community feedback and signals a proposed rates increase of 7.91% for 2009/2010.

The Summary contains information about the seven key areas where Council would particularly like community input. These are:

1. Housing Care Service;
2. Solid Waste Management;
3. Bluff Swimming Pool;
4. The Awarua Industrial Development;
5. The Rugby World Cup;
6. Southland Indoor Leisure Centre Charitable Trust; and
7. Southland Museum and Art Gallery Trust Board.

Mrs Gare said that people have a choice as to how they give their feedback to Council: They can:

- Fill out the submission form contained in the Summary posted to them.
- Speak to their submission on 18 May at a Council Hearing.

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- Fill out a form on the Council's website www.icc.govt.nz
- Speak directly to Councillors at key locations in the city, with staff present to help record the submission. (Details to be advised next week.)

Submissions open on 5 April and close on 11 May 2009.

NOTE: If a resident or ratepayer has not received a copy of the Summary by the week after Easter, they can obtain a copy by ringing Council's Customer Support Officers on 2111-777 or by downloading a copy from the website www.icc.govt.nz

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