The following: comments were accepted over the phone

Jennifer Tsao 15a Lennox Grove Johnsonville

"With regards to the proposed 'Increased Investment in Environmental Education", my first reaction is anger. I believe that the budget could be distributed more wisely into developing poor sections such as council accommodation. Accommodation is one of the most important issues facing low income families."

Mr George Hughes Porirua

"Rates are already very high, particularly in Porirua. People just can 't pay anymore."

Mr Phil Borkin West Coaster, retired 25 years

"I support more floodprotection in the Lower Hutt."

Patricia Heald Pukerua Bay

"I am strongly opposed to rates increases, I can't afford increases, rates have already gone up significantly. I voted Jenny Brash in due to her opposition to rates increases."

Ray Kellahan Margaret Smith Pukerua Bay

> "We don't mind paying a little more for public transport. Transmission Gully is the way to go. It makes sense for a security of access in an earthquake."

Mr Barker Porirua

Against rate increases.

Tracey Wainuiomata

Against rate increases.