

**William Brent MARTIN**

**20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015.**

**DR. PETER BOXALL**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**INDEPENDENT PRICING & REGULATORY TRIBUNAL.**

**COMPLAINT REGARDING CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL – FIT FOR THE FUTURE PROPOSALS.**

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**I wish to lodge a complaint regarding Canterbury City Council's handling of it's Fit for the future campaign. The Canterbury City Council Mayor and Councillors have decided to adopt the policy of 'standing alone' and are actively campaigning against any amalgamation with any other Councils.**

**I understand that under your guidelines, the CCC Mayor and Councillors are entitled to place self-interest and self- preservation ahead of what is good for the local Community. I also recognise that whilst it is lawful for the CCC Mayor and Councillors to actively promote their decision to stand alone and reject amalgamation I also believe that the CCC should also provide an avenue for CCC Ratepayers and residents to be able to voice an opinion in support of a Council amalgamation.**

**On the CCC website the Council is asking the Community to support their decision to stand alone and have provided easy access for people to express their support. My Complaint is based on the fact that the CCC has not provided an avenue for Ratepayers and residents to express an opinion in favour of Council amalgamation.**

**For many years, Canterbury City Council has failed to provide an acceptable level of service to the Community, particularly in the area of illegally parked heavy vehicles and to some degree graffiti vandals and rubbish dumpers.**

**The CCC has failed to pro-actively enforce the Regulations concerning the illegal parking of heavy vehicles in the public streets and has not implemented an effective strategy to prevent truck owners using the streets as heavy vehicle transport Depots and long term parking bays.**

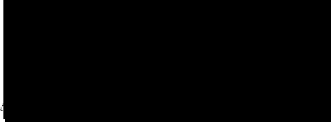
**Illegal rubbish dumping and graffiti vandals are also running rampart in my area with the CCC having no apparent solution to the problem.**

**I support the amalgamation of Councils, in particular Canterbury City Council as I feel that this proposal will promote competition for Council employment and hopefully encourage a more enthusiastic Council workforce which will in turn provide a better service to the Community.**

**I have forwarded an email to CCC voicing my dissatisfaction with the lack of avenues to support CCC amalgamations however I have not received any reply. This is not surprising as providing timely replies to correspondence is not a Council strong point.**

**My concern is that the CCC decision to 'stand alone' in the Fit For The Future proposal and reject any form of amalgamation is not based on a balanced view of the local Community.**

**Regards**



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