

# 2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 13 May 2005

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings.

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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>RE: BUDGET PROVISIONS CONCERNING A ROWING LAKE</p> <p>The Central Plains Water Trust (CPWT) (established by the Selwyn District Council and the Christchurch City Council) is assisting Central Plains Water Limited with its process to finalise the Central Plains Water Scheme and to seek the necessary resource consents for all of its components.</p> <p>The Scheme involves the building of an earth dam of approximately 50 metres in height and 2.2 kilometres in length at the entrance to the Waianiwiwa Valley near Coalgate. The material required for the dam will be borrowed from a nearby piece of land, currently under production forest, being about 2.5 kilometres in length and about 0.5 kilometres in width. This borrow pit will leave a lake which could be made available for recreation purposes.</p> <p>CPWT believes that such a lake might be suitable for a rowing lake for Christchurch; and believes that its suitability would warrant detailed investigation. This submission is to seek the agreement of the Council for CPWT to carry out such an investigation along with City Council staff and other interested parties. If the Council agrees then CPWT would seek a proposal and a cost for a consultant to provide technical advice to assist the investigation. Those costs would be sought from the Council.</p> <p>Matters to take into account are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The recent prospectus to obtain investors for the Central Plains Water Scheme was highly successful, showing great interest from farmers in the area. The Scheme is therefore now a very real probability.</li><li>2. The lake formed by the borrow-pit must happen anyway, and should be used for recreation purposes. It is highly co-incidental that its intended size appears to be adequate for a rowing lake for Christchurch of the kind proposed and rejected at the 'Lake Isaac' site.</li><li>3. The funding requirements for a rowing lake might be significantly reduced by using this lake.</li><li>4. The lake will be well away from aircraft flight paths.</li><li>5. The lake would be highly accessible from Christchurch, with very good quality direct road access. It has been estimated that it can be reached in about 45 minutes from most parts of Christchurch.</li><li>6. There will be available water from the Scheme.</li></ol>

**Your Submission (Cont'd):**

7. If the borrow-pit lake is accepted as possibility for a rowing facility, then the pit might be oriented to suit a rowing facility. The land currently intended for the borrow-pit lies about East-West. It could otherwise be designed to be suitable for a rowing lake. But it will be necessary for this to be investigated at an early stage, before the water Scheme has been finally designed.