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Submission to the Christchurch City Council

As a parent of two members of the Christchurch School of Gymnastics Inc (CSG) and the current President I fully support and endorse CSG's endeavours to expand the facility at QEII Park.

Our family has enjoyed a very positive relationship with CSG since 1995 when it was located in an old church building at Fitzgerald Avenue. Since moving to the site at QEII we have watched and been closely involved in it's rapid growth and development as a leading provider of gymnastics based physical activities for the community. Our family has become part of the CSG family and it has developed into a big part of our lives over the past 9 years.

CSG is a significant employer of people within the NZ sporting industry and has systems in place to continually develop/mentor and educate young people who will be the future leaders within the gymnastics and other sports community in New Zealand. This contribution to the local community cannot be underestimated. CSG has world-class facilities and staff, sound governance and robust financial management. The clubs volunteer base provides many opportunities for families to become involved in the club.


More recently this growth has slowed as the facility has reached full capacity and we are aware that for some programmes (particularly recreation and Pre-School classes) there is a constant waiting list for entry. The proposed extension will relieve this pressure and provide opportunities for controlled growth going forward. The proposed extension will fit comfortably into the envelope proposed and in our view will have minimal visual impact on the Park.

CSG is playing a significant role in keeping thousands of Canterbury children, teenagers and adults active, healthy and involved in physical activity from Pre-school through to adults recreational programmes. The benefits of an active and healthy community are well documented and we see first hand the significant benefits both physically and socially, as 000's of Canterbury children are involved in the programmes offered at CSG. We also see the benefits that even a brief time with gymnastics offers to our youth as they move on to become involved and sometimes excel at other sporting codes.

The extensions to CSG are critical if the club is to remain at the forefront of providing a quality product to the Canterbury community.

We congratulate the council for their foresight in supporting CSG's plans to extend their facility. We are confident that the benefits from this support will flow on to the community in the same way it has with our family.

Yours sincerely



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