

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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Your Submission:

The Arawa Canoe Club would like to see the proposed \$11m previously allocated to a Flatwater sports and recreation facility reinstated, for the following reasons:

1. The birdstrike risk issue for Lake Isaac has not been fully explored, or even intelligently discussed between the interested parties. There is room for compromise, so that all parties get some benefit.
2. Options for mitigation of birdstrike risk have not been adequately considered, or discussed with other interested parties. There is scope here for reduction of current risk levels, with mutual understanding and management.
3. All reasonable alternative sites have been examined, and considered unsuitable for various reasons, which brings us back to the Lake Isaac proposal. Kerrs Reach is becoming untenable with the weed and traffic (with more athletes coming on stream each season), and we need another venue.
4. The Lake Isaac proposal is a huge opportunity for CCC to align their recreation policy with the national government push-play initiative. It would support 16 different sports, plus their related activities, at all levels.
5. New Zealand needs a truly world-class flatwater competition venue, which the Lake Isaac proposal fills. The primary benefit is obviously being able to host proper national and international events for a wide range of sports. There are a huge range of secondary benefits - sporting, economic, health, social and cultural.
6. Like our Arawa Canoe Club building, the Lake Isaac project would be something Cantabrians can look upon with pride, and use to become a national and international force in all the sports that would take place there.