

2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 13 May 2005

I do not wish to make a personal submission at the hearings.

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Your Submission:

I request that the \$11 million funding for a flat-water recreation facility be retained in the Annual Plan.
I also request that given there is no viable alternative to the Lake Isaac proposal that the funding is allocated to the Lake Isaac Trust Water Sports Facility.
The allocation of funds to Kerrs Reach will I believe in no way set about to rectify the very real need there is for a Water Sports Facility as proposed with the Lake Isaac Trust.

I would like to make the following points in support of the funding being allocated to the Lake Isaac Trust Water Sports Facility:

- The Christchurch City Council is proactive in promoting a healthier, fitter lifestyle for all and the development of Lake Isaac will open the door for a huge numbers of Christchurch people to take advantage of.
- I understand that the bird strike possibility is an issue with the committee and after reading documents on this I believe that the key stakeholders with a consultative approach can manage this problem.
- The Council has after investigation of 12 alternative sites has been unable to identify a suitable facility. There has been 17 sports identified that will benefit by the development of Lake Isaac. . This facility will provide each sports code with the ability to promote and further develop participation in their sports from school children through to competitive athletes at the Olympic level.
- Participation in outdoor/water related sports has over the past few years increased drastically and facilities are stretched. I organize a Women's Triathlon Series; 10 years ago we had 35 entries - In 2005 I have set a self imposed limit of 700 as the number of entries we will accept (the demand over and above this number is huge) At present the facilities available are simply not capable of handling a greater number even though the demand is there.
- Another triathlon held this year at the QEII complex attracted around 2500 women and stretched facilities beyond the level of what I as an experienced organizer would consider to be safe.
- The development of the Lake Isaac facility solves for the city one huge problem it faces today - that is the safety of cyclists when competing in events that take place on busy city streets. By basing triathlons and other multi sports events at the Lake Isaac facility that problem is removed as it takes the cyclists away from busy city streets to either purpose built cycle ways or quieter and far easier managed rural roads.
- A purpose built water sports park provides not only an ideal venue for events but for training and recreation also.
- Christchurch has a long and proud history of producing world-class athletes within the Triathlon/Multisport and water sports areas. The result for Christchurch would be continued recognition as the home and training ground of many international sports people.
- The city would benefit financially as the development of such an asset would draw a greater number of people to our city to be used as their base for training and or as a venue for national and international competition.
- The alternative use of Lady Isaac's land for the proposed Lake Isaac Water Sports Park is abysmal and not one that myself or many other active people of Christchurch would be happy with.