

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.

Name:	John Wylie
Organisation:	Canterbury Rowing Assn
Daytime Phone:	3893400
Email:	jwylie@xtra.co.nz
Address:	P O Box 22206 Christchurch
Your Submission:	<p>The Canterbury Rowing Assn are concerned at the proposal to drop the funding set aside for a new flatwater sports venue in the draft city plan.[p 83]. Kerrs Reach is woefully inadequate for the current pressures from a variety of users. It falls far short of acceptable competition & safety standards. In the last season thae Canterbury Rowing Assn recorded a 50 % growth, this came principally from youth.</p> <p>The ecosure report of 24 May 2004 states the bird strike risk is already present, no alternative site has been identified & in addressing the present bird strike risk there is a clear pathway for the CCC, the airport & Lake Isaac proponents to advance together to minimise vermin bird population over a much larger area than the airport confines. As well as protecting the airport from development encroachment CCC control by head lease could enable considerable flood protection whilst providing a recreational asset that would benefit Christchurch's economy and quality of life.</p> <p>This is a unique opportunity to recognise a munificent offer to equal the foresight of 150 years ago that gave us Hagley Park.</p> <p>Cooperation & compromise between all parties can ensure that Lake Isaac becomes a reality for a host of sport and recreational users.</p>