

# 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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Attachment to Draft Annual Plan 2005/6

Submitted by:

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The Christchurch City Council

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. If the land set aside for Lake Isaac were turned into farmland by ploughing the ground would attract more birds than the proposed Lake.
- The Council has after investigation of 12 alternative sites been unable to identify a suitable facility. There is a need to have such a facility in Christchurch as sports such as ours is increasing in numbers at an alarming rate.
- 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. The Weet-Bix Kiwi Kids Tryathlon run at QEII sports complex has outgrown the venue and numbers are now restricted which means we have a lot of disappointed children and families. As organizer of this event for the past five years I have seen numbers grow from 500 to 3500 this year. At present the facilities are not big enough to cater for this amount of children in a safe environment so we need to provide a flat water facility so that events such as this can provide opportunities for our up and coming youth in Christchurch.
- We are aware of other triathlons 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. Also the Canterbury triathlon Club have had to restrict the size of their events because of safety reasons.
- 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, especially when as an organizer of events that involve water we do not have any safe alternatives in the close Christchurch area.