

# 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:** The Christchurch City Council  
Submission to Draft Annual plan 2005/06

On behalf of Triathlon New Zealand I request that the \$11 million for a flat water facility stay within the Annual Plan and in light of the Council not being able to find an alternative site for such a facility that the \$11 million is allocated to the Lake Isaac water sports park. Reasons for this:

. The Christchurch City Council Recreational Plan promotes a healthier active lifestyle for all and Triathlon in Christchurch has had tremendous growth in all age groups at level entry. This has put a huge strain on current facilities in both events and training. Lake Isaac water sports park would be a major further development of this growth and our contribution to the Christchurch City Councils Recreational Plan.

. The growth of Triathlon is also reflected through to the amount of people that are extending through to the next level of competitive triathlon and the demand for a better facility is growing. This also is an issue for Christchurch to host national events.

. Lake Isaac will not only be a rowing venue but will be used by 17 sports codes including Triathlon and multisport. This will enable Triathlon to further increase participation and training from school children right through all ages.

. Triathlon in Christchurch will benefit hugely by Lake Isaac, as there is only two beaches that can be used for the swim. The cycle courses from these beaches are busy and the event organizers do everything possible to plan in implement their Traffic Management Plans but with the increase in traffic on the roads the potential of a fatal accident is still high. The development of Lake Isaac because of the locality is a solution. This also is an issue for organizing national events, which will benefit Christchurch.

. A purpose built water sports park would not only be used for events but for training and recreation, which is also in line with the Christchurch City Councils Recreation Plan.

. The alternative development of the area proposed Lake Isaac Water Sports would be a loss for the active population of Christchurch.

. We understand that the Christchurch City Council has an issue with the possibility of bird strike due to the proximity to the Christchurch Airport. There is sufficient information available to ensure that all involved in this development can with a consultative approach control and overcome the problem.