

# 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:**

In reference to p10: I think the overall community outcomes are taking the city in the right direction for sustainability - you have the 4 quardant of sustainability covered. My main concern with the statement is that the emphasis for sustainability seems to be on the environment rather than also making it clear to all citizens that the other 3 aspects are just as important. It's about protecting and enhancing the natural environment or ecology with people working in harmony with it. I hope to see the goal of Chch being a sustainable city promoted as they have done in Perth and Seattle. Building a culture of sustainability requires leadership from our elected members and education of our public, hence my second point below.

I wish to encourage the council to work with secondary schools on sustainable Chch issues particularly those of democracy & governance as addressed on pp44-46; parks & open spaces p55 (which does not include promoting these places as learning centres)and finally in economic development pp47-49, where I believe the learning should also focus on understanding the principles of Triple Bottom Line and the Natural Step. My main point here is that if the Council wants to build capacity in terms of creating a sustainable Chch they must support educational activities aimed at developing an understanding of sustainable development. It is by promoting long term democratic education that the council will find it easier to meet the outcomes & performance measures as described on p46.

Much of what is happening in the community now is positive e.g. the discussion fora over the UDS but I am concerned that we still have sectors of our community whose voices are rarely heard and who may feel disenfranchised. That is a concern if we beleive a socially cohesive community is important for a sustainable city.

Thank you