

# 2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 21 April 2008

**I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.**

**Are you completing this submission:**

On behalf of a group or organisation

**If you are representing, how many people do you represent?**

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**Your Submission:**

There is a growth in flat water sports and with the stalling of the Lake Isaac proposal limited space and venues to facilitate this. Christchurch schools have traditionally had a huge presence and significant success in rowing. If we wish to maintain that tradition then we need to consider the facilities available. The success of those schools that compete has led to an increased interest in rowing by other schools. There is also a huge growth in the number of masters rowers.

Consider - Kerrs Reach is the main resource for flat water sports. At any time there is a proliferation of craft on the water there, varying craft with varying manoeuvrability and visibility. There have been numerous crashes and near misses. The congestion is such that there is little room to take evasive action. Further in the whitebait season there is even less room.  
Specific Action - consider giving a high priority to an alternative venue. Lake Hood out of Ashburton is an example of a possible development that could be considered in Christchurch.

Why - Firstly a safety issue, secondly the current congestion prevents new users or growth in current sports.

Consider - The water quality at Kerrs Reach is poor. Our schools personal experience is of girls requiring antibiotics for infections that they have contracted by being in the water. Cuts or small wound regularly become infected.

Specific Action - Not absolutely sure what can be done, discouraging some of the bird life may be an option but water quality is an issue.

Why - to at least get the water quality to world recreational standards

Consider - The weed in the river. Too much for the existing resources to be able to maintain. Is a safety issue as often the weed is the cause of a spill when an oar gets tangled but also dangerous when a person has to struggle to the bank with their craft.

Specific Action - Increase the number of weed cutting machines and shifts.

Why - Again a safety issue.