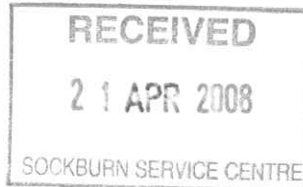


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15th April 2008.

*Extra copies to:
Ron Jensen
John Wylie (how many are)
Guy Parfit
Bob Shearing*

Submission to the Draft City Annual Plan covering the
Halswell District.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I trust that this submission on the Ch.Ch. City Annual Plan will be acceptable for consideration to the Draft Plan.

I wish to support, whole heartedly, the Rowing Association suggestion of a Rowing Lake to be formed in Henderson's Basin in the near future. I table below some comments which I hope will be considered.

1. I have been a resident of Halswell for the past 23 years and am well aware of the water problem that appears every winter.
2. The Council has incurred major costs controlling the water in the past. The proposed Lake would be a natural control point at peak times but also would be an asset to be used by the City residents in the future. A pressure reliever to control excess flooding in our area and eastward to the sea.(The Estuary at Sumner).
3. The proposed lake would be on the North flight path for the birds.
4. I have witnessed natural springs in the area pushing water to above waist height.

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5. Last year I was told of evidence of Salmon near the Cashmere Bridge, surely we should preserve this and improve.
6. Also there has been observed a rare native fish that was seen in the Cashmere Stream. This information was advised to Ecan at a public meeting that I was present at.
7. The Council, after considerable investigation, would not continue with the proposal of a Rowing Lake to the North of the Airport. I support that action and applaud their decision, the risks were too great.
8. The Henderson Basin area does not have this issue.
9. Excess water at peak times could be controlled eliminating problems the area has had in the past.
10. Council information? I believe the Council has purchased land near Hendersons Road and Sparks Road.
11. I don't think the Council should or would have to face the total costs involved in forming the Lake. I think the Rowing Association should involve itself getting Grants from Government etc.
12. The earth which would be removed could be used to raise the surrounding land making the area for suitable Recreational use such as Cycleways and walking tracks etc.
13. Tree planted would encourage Birds on their flight path.
14. Eventually Hendersons Basin would be available for all to enjoy.
15. The existing training venue for Rowing at Kerr's Reach cost the Council money continually removing weed and is now filling with silt. Is it proposed for this cost to continue? At Kerrs Reach I think it was the Council constructed in the late 1940s (60 to 70 years ago) is now dangerous to the users of this area. We have

multi-use for Single, Double and larger Rowing Skiffs, Dragon Boating, Outrigger Boating and varied types of Canoes apart from the casual user. Many boats become stranded with School children at risk.

**Why not harvest this natural resource for the benefit of all the City.
Don't let it be taken over by Land developers.**


Graeme Gale JP

A total of 23 years as a member of the Halswell Residents Assn. and the Halswell Hall Committee.