

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.

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As part of the Safer City Strategy to enhance safety from crime through preventative and supportive actions I would encourage the council to consider establishing a City Safety Officer Programme. These programmes have evaluated well in other areas, with cities which have well established 'safe city ambassador' programmes such as 'Walkwise' in Wellington having the highest rating of perceived safety after dark (67.0%) and Dunedin having the second highest rating (66.0%).

A Safe City Officers Programme provides a visual presence to encourage community safety. They can potentially reduce general crime and personal injury of residents and visitors.

The Community Violence Reduction Project group is ideally placed to steer this project forward to reduce actual and perceived crime in the Central City in Christchurch.