

Submission on draft Annual Plan 2008/09

Re Alternative Road Access to Lyttelton Port

Introduction

1. **Submitter: Lyttelton Port Company Limited (LPC)**
2. LPC was formed in 1988 to manage the Port of Lyttelton (**Port**). The company is presently owned by a number of local authorities and institutional and private shareholders. The Christchurch City Council (**Council**) through its trading arm, Christchurch City Holdings Limited, has a majority shareholding.
3. LPC provides international shipping services to more than thirty countries, services a large part of the South Island, and has well established coastal links with other New Zealand ports.
4. This submission concerns the draft Annual Plan (for 2008/09) and its relationship to the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 (LTCCP). It relates to inclusion in the LTCCP of the proposal for construction of a new road for heavy traffic to access the Port's container area. The LTCCP states that funding of \$4.2m is allocated over the period 2007-2012 for this project.
5. No funding has been allocated for the alternative road project in the draft Annual Plan however LPC understands that since it is a public process the Council may receive submissions supporting the alternative road and seeking its inclusion in the Annual Plan.
6. LPC thus confirms its opposition to the construction of a new road for heavy traffic to access the Port's container area. Detailed reasons were given in LPC's submission and at our annual plan hearing one year ago. In summary the alternative port access would be a costly project that lacks justification, cut through productive port land with a detrimental effect on the efficiency of port operations and significantly constrain options for redevelopment.

Background

7. The LTCCP provides at p.83 as follows:
" Lyttelton Port alternative access \$9.6 million has been allocated over the period 2007-2012 to build a new access road to the proposed marina and for the construction of a new road way for heavy traffic to access the Port container area."*
8. At p.18 of the LTCCP, there is a reference to the Council having given the "green light" to the listed projects including the alternative access road to the Port.
9. LPC acknowledges the Council's consideration of this issue following discussions with the port and that no funding was allocated under the Annual Plan for 2007/08 and there is no funding proposed in the draft Annual Plan for 2008/09. In light of the circumstances surrounding this issue however, LPC wishes to publicly record its position and its opposition to any inclusion of the alternative road and/or provision for its funding in the Annual Plan.

Action sought

10. LPC requests that the Council take the following action:

- a. ensure that no funding is allocated to this project in the Annual Plan for 2008/09; and
- b. that the Council in its 3-yearly review scheduled for 2009 amend the LTCCP to delete all references to the alternative access road project and its funding.

11. LPC wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

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