

SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED BAN ON ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CENTRAL CITY

Submission No	Name and Address of Submitter	Submission
1	Lindsay & Louise Roswell (via email)	I wholeheartedly support the council proposed ban on boozing in public. The lowering of the drinking age was always going to be a disaster, it now is. The human and financial cost is huge. The winners have been big business and the freedom mongers. The losers are our young people who don't know their boundaries, those who feel intimidated by drinking/drunken people, the police who have to waste time every week sorting out the social problems drinking in public brings, the businesses who get peed and puked on. Provided that the Police use discretion I would support a nationwide 7 day per week ban on drinking in public as there are other areas on other days that also have problems, eg. the Esplanade in Sumner on Sunday afternoons. I really enjoy having a drink, I really don't enjoy people drinking outside my house, or in the streets I might want to walk. Too much freedom with booze is a root cause of a big percentage of our city's/country's problems. Good on you for recognizing the problem and doing something about it.
2	James Carter 15b Royds Street Fendalton Christchurch	It is crazy for this whole cover ban. Why don't you make a ban for trouble area and surrounding areas and for groups of over 5 people. Maybe also for people with a breath alcohol level. The cover ban could be on family nights eg Xmas in the Park. I don't know why you are doing this the government took care of this last year so it is against the law anyway.
3	David Clarkson 114a Office Road Christchurch	The area should also include the commercial areas of Merivale, Papanui, Riccarton and the University environs. The reasons are just as valid in these areas even if the effects are not as obvious. However the whole idea is unenforceable if people with alcohol are going to be given the chance to take the alcohol out of the area. By what means and who is going to monitor that. Are the police .. whoever .. going to tail them all the way to the 4 avenues. I think not. We don't have those sort of resources. As soon as the enforcement officers turn their backs people will be back into it. Get real .. if you are liquored up and drinking in public, not in a bar or restaurant, or at a location where the practice is expected and approved or in keeping with the occasion, or going to such a location or venue, then the alcohol should be confiscated and instant fines handed out. No nonsense and no second chances. That should be it. Otherwise this thing has no teeth. Mark my words because I will be proven correct.
4	Fay B Green 30 Bayswater Crescent Bromley Christchurch 8006	I support the ban of carrying or drinking of alcohol in public in the central city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, but I don't think it goes far enough. I would like to see a city wide ban, seven days a week and 24 hours a day.
5	Roger Tan 12, Bevington Street Avonhead Christchurch	I think it is a good idea for the ban because if not for the ban, there will be fighting around the city which makes the place unsafe to walk around. Furthermore, I think it could save the hassle for the council to clean up all the broken alcohol bottles around the city. However, the council have to be aware that when the ban is implemented, people will move into suburb area to have their drinks. Vandalism on their home property will happen, i.e. damaged mail boxes.

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6	Mark	Just to say I think it's a good thing to ban alcohol in the town area and it should be a full ban. I remember when I was younger if you got caught with alcohol in town it was confiscated. I wonder why people think making it easier to do these things will bring with it more responsibility, young people are not responsible and follow others. They need rules and guidelines to adhere to so as to make them responsible. We all need to be responsible so I think this step you are taking is only positive and those who are irresponsible will always disagree. It is not taking people's rights away it's showing them we will no longer put up with bad behaviour. I think it's more than just alcohol bans in town, it's lowering age to get alcohol, letting alcohol be served in supermarkets, lengthening hours which places can be opened for and the list goes on, but who is taking responsibility for letting these other things come in! Anyway if I can do any thing positive tell me.
7	Mr Jan Taylor 12 Petworth Place Westmorland Christchurch	Just a brief comment. Having visited a number of cities overseas, I must say that Christchurch is one that does not generate feelings of safety or security in the evening. I have been a resident here for 31 years. An alcohol ban in the Central City area is an excellent proposal. Why not make the ban applicable to the full seven days? The lowered drinking age has exacerbated an existing problem for the City. Anything to improve general safety, improve the City's image and make the Police work load more manageable has to be a good move.....go for it.
8	Grant Shepherd 133B Pine Avenue South Brighton Christchurch	No, why is it that the only way to fix a problem in the minds of local and national governments is to ban things. We need less legislation, not more. Enforce the current laws and regulations and you might find the problem is reduced. If it does not then what makes you think more laws and bans will? I personally have had enough of councils and endless rate increases. So much for this being the best run city in the world.
9	Kevin Sandom (via email)	I am very much in favour of the ban. The scale of the ban seems quite sensible. Although the only incident I remember running into with drunk people was just outside the area (a matter of metres past the Fitzgerald boundary). I think this boundary is still appropriate because the ban needs to be enforceable. Having said that, other than enforceability, I have yet to think of a negative for it being city wide. I think it is a good idea to be excluding the bars ... etc... once again the whole enforceability thing. It would give police officers the right to tell people they are not allowed to be drinking or carrying alcohol in public places within central city. This bit sparked some thought for me. I'm wondering how they plan to distinguish between the people taking alcohol home or to a restaurant from those who are "carrying alcohol in public places". One thing I thought of is to make it "carrying opened alcohol in public places". You may still get a few false alarms here, but at least for the majority of the time you are not relying on people to tell the truth. I think that's all the important part of the opinions I have on the matter. I've tried to keep it short because you probably have lots of these to read. However, if you want me to elaborate on something, feel free to ask. Thanks.
10	Mr R Johnson cnr Lichfield & High Streets Christchurch	I support the ban but would like to see it extended to 9am. The night clubs in the area close as late as 7am and patrons then exit in an intoxicated state and cause vandalism in the area. Extending the ban should not inconvenience anybody other than those indulging in anti-social behaviour and allow the Police to act in the circumstances above.
11	Matt Dawson 2b/154 High Street Christchurch	I support a ban wholeheartedly. I find the (generally) teenagers who hang around the corner of High Street and Lichfield (Java cafe) to be drunk and aggressive when walking past. I tend to find a different route into or through town on Friday and Saturday nights. Is it also possible to have some security guards to reduce the workload on police.

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12	Allan Stephenson 74 Roker Street Christchurch	The proposed alcohol ban is a good concept if it was to be city wide. By restricting the ban to within the avenues the council will in effect only be moving the offenders to another area. Sumner and the southern end of Colombo Street are already two areas that require attention. Legislative policies should introduced that prevent these nuisance makers congregating en masse. You only need to observe the Colombo Street area by Sydenham Park or Sumner on a Friday night to get the picture. Perhaps the real problem in the inner city is the granting of too many liquor licences and the subsequent number of "party bars" that are allowed to operate. If the ban is to be enforced it must be citywide otherwise it will show neglect of responsibility to people outside the area by the council. The council should, like us all, do it right the first time or don't do it at all.
13	Celina Leadbetter 2/33 Trent Street Avonside Christchurch 8001	Having read through the proposal I support the alcohol ban within the four avenues. The suggested times could be altered to better reflect the times where more alcohol might be consumed, i.e., 6pm to 6am. I would think there are more people drinking between the hours of 6-7pm than 6-7am, hence my thoughts to have a different start time (wintertime with the earlier sunset does make a difference to the start of drinking). Has any thought been given to banning alcohol on other days, i.e. Show Day being a prime example when much drinking is enjoyed outside the suggested hours. Also, could the ban be extended to include the Sydenham to Port Hills section of Colombo Street. I have often seen young kids drinking along that section of Colombo Street. Thanks to the Police for the suggestion of a ban and to the CCC for actually acting on it. Also, is it possible to do something about the hooning of cars along Colombo Street (from Sydenham to the Square). Maybe the city needs to do something about some more youth groups etc. Some incentives or a place or two for them to hang out. I see it only as a matter of time before trouble happens. If alcohol is part of this problem then the problem of hooning may be resolved, but I thought it best to mention it anyway. Thanks for the time you have taken to read my submission.
14	R Lange 27 Avonhead Road Christchurch	This is an excellent idea, and I support it strongly. Many of the problems of the inner city, especially at night, are caused by drinking in public places.
15	Jenny Fickling (via email)	My husband and I live within the four avenues (and have done so for the past 9 yrs), so I read with interest the city council's proposal on banning the carrying or drinking of alcohol in public areas between Thursday and Saturday nights. We are certainly in favour, you wouldn't believe what we have to tolerate from drunken foul mouthed louts on a weekly basis. They stagger past our house on Madras Street screaming obscenities, smashing bottles, trees, traffic signs and sometimes each other, from midnight till 4 am! We moved to Christchurch from the US (I'm originally from here), and to be honest have never experienced anything like it. The CCC wants to make the inner city a vibrant place, well we can't wait to get out!
16	Carla Burgers (via email)	I vote for keeping Ch.Ch.'s streets alcohol free not only from Thursdays to Sundays but every day and night of the week.
17	Peter Johnston (via email)	Thank you for the well-advertised option of having our say re the alcohol ban in the central city. We wish to support this proposal of banning the public consumption of alcohol on the city streets and parks. As people who have 3 children of our own, plus we host international students, we worry about their safety in the central city, and are very keen to promote anything which would reduce crime and increase safety. Thanks again for this opportunity.

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18	Wade and Fiona Hill 17 Roxburgh Street Sydenham Christchurch (via email)	<p>We do not agree with the Council's intention to instigate a liquor ban in the Central City. While we think the intentions behind the proposal are good and will no doubt make the central city a safer place, we consider that this will have a impact for other residential and business areas close to the central city. Because the proposal is limited to the Central City all that will happen is that people drinking will shift to another area, where the ban is not in place. We currently live in Roxburgh Street, (Sydenham) which directly adjoins Colombo Street and is approximately 3km (or 5-10 minutes) drive from Cathedral Square. The street is a cul-de-sac with approximately 29 houses in it. Almost all of the houses are owner-occupied with predominantly young couples and families. We have lived in our property for the last five years. Because of the close proximity to the central city the street has always had a reasonable number of cars, which are neither resident or visitors coming down the street on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Most come down the street to eat takeaways, because it is a cul-de-sac, they just use it as a turn around to drive back into the Central City. We accept this to a certain degree because we have chosen to live close to the Central City. However, in the last five years the frequency of this has increased, with the kind of behaviour becoming increasingly unacceptable. During this time the parking has been removed from under the Moorhouse overbridge. As soon as this occurred the number of cars frequenting our street and parking along Colombo Street increased significantly. All this did was to force the cars further down into residential areas. It is obvious that many of the people in the cars are drinking. The vast majority of cars that drive down our street to turn around are speeding, some well in excess of the speed limit. I would estimate that some of them exceed 90-100 km per hour. This makes the residents in the street feel unsafe. Other than this, until recently most of the problems have been to do with littering, people dropping rubbish from their take-aways. However, more recently the number of people either drinking or smashing their bottles in the street has increased significantly. A lot of people also stop to urinate in the street. Recently, there was an instance of a person urinating on someone's front fence at about 7pm, in daylight. We consider that the banning of liquor in the Central City area will only increase the problem for areas such as this. We think the Council should consider other measures to resolve this problem. Please try and resolve the problem, don't just shift it.</p>
19	David Robinson 1/2 Rees Street Avon Loop Central Christchurch	<p>I strongly oppose the implementation of an alcohol ban inside the four avenues as proposed. If a ban is to be implemented then the area it covers should be significantly reduced to cover the main area where there are problems and it should definitely exclude the Avon Loop area. I have been a resident in the Avon Loop area for 5 years. The area is mainly residential with a local tavern on Kilmore Street near Fitzgerald Avenue. While there is the odd glue sniffer or drunk person passing through the Avon Loop area there are no significant problems with them and certainly none that justify an alcohol ban in this area. I strongly oppose the ban as it will directly affect the legality of my right to drink alcohol outside my property in Rees Street, or on the river bank with neighbours and friends. It is absurd to argue that people would be given a chance to "take away any alcohol they have in an area" first (City Scene). The proposal clearly makes it illegal to have alcohol there in the first place. The addition of a criminal conviction to a person's record is a serious matter. I believe that with respect to this the proposal is using a sledgehammer to crack a walnut. The city scene article on the alcohol ban clearly indicates that that the police already make arrests for disorder offences and therefore already have powers available to them to deal with the existing situation. The article also states that 80% of disorder offences involve people that have been drinking. There is no evidence to say whether these people have been drinking in licensed areas or not before committing an offence. The article also states that there are fewer than 20 violence or disorder offences which is a very small number. The article goes on to say that the ban will "cut a small number of offences by as much as a fifth" i.e. only 4 offences. With respect to this I again state that the proposal is using a sledgehammer to crack a walnut. The City Council can do a lot more in terms of lighting central city streets and getting more people to live in the central city to make it a safer place.</p>

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20	Owen and Diana (via email)	We agree with the article in the City Scene. Suggest you include the carrying and consumption of alcohol on motor vehicles. Please endeavour to avoid the usual political watering down of the original plan.
21	Tracey Richards 5a Urella Place Spreydon Christchurch	As an inner city hospitality worker, (Security , Miss Q's Pool Bar & Cafe), I totally support the proposed central city alcohol ban. Due to the location of my employment, I see each weekend an intolerable amount of alcohol induced violence and inappropriate behaviour which is spread across a wide range of people, those who are able to enter licensed premises and those who are underage and purchasing their alcohol from retailers who simply have no concern for their licences or for the consequences of supplying these people with product. I see the proposed ban combined with other initiatives of controlling the city's youth as being a positive step in making the central city area a more welcoming and less threatening place to be.
22	Andrew Button P O Box 37 237 Halswell Christchurch	I support a ban on alcohol in the indicated inner city area. All too often people do themselves an injustice by the way they act when drinking, especially young people in large groups. This can lead to a range of permanent results such as criminal records, injuries and even as recently seen death. It's time we stood up to help people help themselves. Yes, drunk groups can be a danger to others around them but they are more often than not a danger to themselves who just make it unpleasant for others to be around them.
23	Alan Liefing 78 Flockton Street St Albans Christchurch	A very small immature minority spoils it for the rest of the public. Surely the police can arrest people for other offences rather than the act of drinking in public. I oppose the alcohol ban.
24	Brent Cain 122 Stapletons Road Richmond Christchurch	I totally agree with the proposal. As someone who works nights and sees the effect alcohol has on people's behaviour I would have to say this measure cannot be bought in soon enough. I would also like to see this ban widened to include the consumption of alcohol in vehicles which would appear to be common practice among elements of the young. Another issue which stems from, or perhaps should be included in this ban is a far stronger stance on littering and noise, both of which seem to go hand in hand with the alcohol problem. Like all citizens I just want to live in a clean, tidy city where it is safe for my parents and children to go out a night. Please give the police the power to act on these proposals so that all of us can benefit. Thank you.
25	Andrea Grieve 2/390 Avonside Drive Christchurch 8006	That a ban on the consumption of alcohol in the Christchurch city central area is imposed.
26	Sean Gray 17 Gleneagles Grove Wattle Downs Auckland	This is a great idea, it is working in downtown Auckland. Don't let the drunken young louts take over your beautiful city, give the Police a bylaw that can be enforced. I support the idea 100%

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27	Fraser Graham (via email)	<p>I am against the proposed central city alcohol ban for the reason that it does not really address the problems of public drunkenness, and the information you have provided is vague. Sure - a ban would help highlight the fact that people drink in public in the central city on the weekends (some cause a few problems and the police are probably getting bored with it) but I feel a ban would act as a scapegoat for poor enforcement of liquor licensing laws. Walking around the central city on a Friday or Saturday night you will see a lot of drunk people. How many of these people are being served liquor at licensed establishments? On the website it states: - Christchurch Police Inspector David Lawry believes the ban could make a big improvement in actual public safety and to people's feelings about how safe the central city is. His staff estimate that up to 80 per cent of disorder offences involve people who have been drinking.- Were all of the 80% of disorder offences mentioned due to public drinking? Or are most of the offences due to people who have been drinking at licensed establishments or at home? Inspector Lawry also says: - You've got more than 60,000 people coming in and out every day and fewer than 20 violence or disorder offences. That means a very low probability of being involved in crime, but I think this scheme could cut that small number of offences by as much as a fifth so it's worth doing. - Does this mean 20% (eg 4 out of 20) violence or disorder offences are the result of public drinking and the rest are a result of "legal" drinking? Does this mean a central city alcohol ban because of 4 offences a night? And Inspector Lawry also says: - Just as important, he says, is its likely effect on people's perception of central city safety. This is a safe area and this partnership with the Council will help us persuade more people that that's so.- The central city IS safe. I live in the central city across the road from the Dux de Lux. Great neighbours as far as a pub goes. No problems. The main alcohol related problems I have experienced as a central city resident over the last 6 years are when the big rugby games are on. With the influx of crowds and excited people we get lots of broken bottles outside our door. Fair enough - you will get that with large crowds. The last big match our neighbour had a fire extinguisher thrown through his front window. Will rugby games be banned next because of the public mess they cause? Go into town on those same nights and you will see the bars are rammed with drunk people. Isn't it against the law to serve intoxicated/underage people? If not what is the point of a central city alcohol ban? Enforce the existing liquor licensing laws first and you might get it through to the public that the drinking culture needs to change.</p>
28	Ani Prasad PO Box 2004 Christchurch	I would like to support the ban. It's a great idea and if it works people would feel a lot safer on our streets.
29	Anthony James Ward 11 Attlee Crescent Bryndwr Christchurch	<p>It is great that you are planning to do something about the problem of intoxicated persons on our streets who cause grief to the average law abiding citizen. My only problem is with the way you are planning on going about it. I've lived in cities abroad where these bans have been in place, and remember the ways we easily got round them. The police in Christchurch don't have the resources or more importantly should utilise these resources in combating the root of these problems. If I may make a suggestion, I believe that the police should be given whatever powers deemed necessary.</p>

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30	Sarah Austin 11 Attlee Crescent Bryndwr Christchurch	<p>Whilst I can appreciate the reasons behind an alcohol ban in the central city it concerns me that a small visible number of people (mostly youth) are the target of this proposed ban. Is this the most effective way of dealing with these individuals? Simply banning alcohol from the public streets will not address many of these problems. It is therefore most of the law abiding public that will be punished. Individuals will no longer be able to enjoy a drink on a family picnic in the park or feel furtive when buying alcohol to take to a restaurant. I also would like to know how this will affect the bars and restaurants in the city which have outside seating? Will this mean they have to pay for special permits which will then reflect in drink and/or meal prices? The ban may give the police more authority to control tenuous situations involving drunk individuals but leaving it up to their discretion as to whether an individual is carrying alcohol to a private residence for consumption or to a restaurant could leave this authority up to abuse. Who will monitor or audit the police's enforcement of this law to ensure it is consistent and fair? I strongly believe more research needs to be done into the effects of an alcohol ban on the city. For example how do the youth react? Does this force them into local parks for parties or cause them to binge drink before they go out as they know they cannot be seen carrying alcohol? Do people try and drink in their cars leaving them more temptation to drive under the influence? These individuals who are causing such concern for the police may still continue to do so. The only difference is they will not carry the alcohol on their personage and so the ban may have little effect on the individuals the police are wishing to target. How will it affect inner city businesses? Do individuals choose to go to restaurants out of the city or avoid BYO restaurants to avoid being accused or harassed? Perhaps the most important issue is does the ban lead to a decrease in drunken disorderly behaviour and police efforts to control it? Finally it must also be kept in mind that Auckland is a much larger and more volatile city than Christchurch. They need to employ security guards to supplement the police just to ensure some sort of control. Are the problems facing the police of Christchurch comparable to a city of over 1 million people? Is this ban in the best interests of the majority of citizens of Christchurch and what alternatives have been considered. It concerns me that one of the justifications given for supporting the ban was that it could be easily revoked. This suggests that not enough research has been conducted. I strongly urge the council and the police to undertake a qualitative study on both the outcomes in Auckland and possible effects of this proposed ban on Christchurch. I implore the council not to rush into a decision based purely on the success in another city.</p>
31	Shailer Hart 5 Steane Place Halswell on the Park Christchurch	The proposed alcohol ban in central city public places should go ahead.
32	Angela Rapley 6 Roydon Drive Templeton Christchurch	<p>In my experience there are too many young people hanging around in the central city on weekends with alcohol. They can be abusive and aggressive. The ban on alcohol in the central city is a great idea and I support it fully. There is no need for people to have alcohol while walking around, as there are plenty of bars to drink in. In fact, I think a ban on alcohol on the streets should be extended to the whole city - perhaps lessening the problems with youths drinking in their cars etc around the city (eg Sydenham on Colombo St).</p>

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33	Nicola Howe 58 Norwood Street Christchurch	Thought this was a great idea however would be more effective if it stretched to Dyers Pass Road, especially down Colombo Street. We are residents in Beckenham and as you will be aware Sydenham has the teenage problem of youths, cars, and alcohol every weekend which they then bring into our streets as they race up and down Colombo Street using side streets as shortcuts or turn around points, they also throw their rubbish and bottles into the street and of course it has been up to the locals to tidy up the mess each morning. PLEASE consider widening the cutoff point from Moorhouse Ave to give us some peace and safety for our young children who worry at night with youths coming onto properties to graffiti and destroy their security.
34	Helen Greenfield 2-349 Gloucester Street Christchurch	I think that the proposed area is too large, which would make policing difficult. You need to concentrate on areas with known problems as well as the sources of alcohol. The following areas should be considered for the alcohol ban: Colombo Street and Manchester Street (between Moorhouse and Bealey Aves); Latimer and Cranmer Squares; Cathedral Square and the area enclosed by Lichfield, Manchester and Kilmore Streets, and Oxford Terrace. Having said that, I suspect that by banning alcohol from the Central City, alcohol will be consumed elsewhere; for example, Hagley Park. In addition, people who would have brought alcohol into the proposed ban areas will drink more before coming into town. If a person (who normally drinks a hip flask of spirits over the course of a night) decides to drink that hip flask on their way into town, they arrive more drunk than they normally would = more behavioural problems, vomiting etc. Banning alcohol could push the problems associated with drinking into surrounding areas. This for me, could mean more broken glass, discarded bottles, and disorderly behaviour near my house. Alcohol is freely available from a number of sources in the Central City. The multitude of convenience stores (selling alcohol) that have sprung up may be part of the problem. I believe that most of the people who purchase alcohol from these stores intend to consume it within the central city in public places. How will this be managed? In addition, licensed premises will have to do more to encourage sensible drinking behaviour from their patrons as well as ensuring that patrons do not leave their premises with a bottle of beer in hand.
35	Terry Sefton 74 Mandeville St Riccarton Christchurch	The alcohol ban can only be a good thing. The amount of times that you see trouble erupt in the city centre when alcohol is involved is astronomical, and this figure looks likely to escalate out of control if something is not done about it. The police can only be in so many places at once, here in lies the problem. It is very easy to be discreet when consuming alcohol, especially if it is hard liquor. Personally, I think there needs to be a ban on youngsters in the central city after say 10pm because for mine they are the causing the majority of the trouble.
36	Ryuichiro Iijima 1-146 High Street Christchurch	I live in the area specified by the alcohol ban proposal. A question is how residents within the area can prove that we live in that area, so we are not going to be mistakenly affected by the ban.
37	Nicholas Clark 202 Worchester Street Christchurch	I do not like the proposal to ban alcohol as suggested because; It is very expensive to drink in bars so a drink beforehand is very reasonable and enjoyable. It will cause even more negativity toward police. I believe NZ should follow European attitudes towards alcohol. Statistics suggest other countries have better attitudes toward A. Tougher legislation will cause move glorification and excitement for many people. People will hide more on the streets, they will be pushed into parts of the city harder to control. These parts are quieter with less stimuli, that is the times people may get bored and take to crime. Lastly, as a person who goes into the city on weekend nights, I don't see all that many people drinking on the streets except underage who are already controlled by police. Takeaway alcohol can be bought anywhere at all times. Most places which sell it are in the area suggested? So close them all down? I think it's a silly suggestion.

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38	Mary Clay 15 Kyeburn Place Avonhead Christchurch	The ban is a good idea, but why not extend the ban to cover the whole of the city?
39	Adam Friend Soil, Plant and Ecological Sciences P O Box 84 Lincoln University Canterbury (via email)	I read with interest the public notice regarding a ban on alcohol consumption in public places within the four avenues of Christchurch, and would like to make a submission. On Sunday morning I use my road bike to travel to my gym in town. A considerable amount of broken glass is on the roads at this time and I have to be very careful to ensure I do not run over glass, and puncture my tyres. The problem of broken glass also extends further down Colombo Street into Sydenham. From this basis I support the idea of the proposed changes. However, as a regular and responsible consumer of alcohol I do not want to have my freedoms removed on the basis of the behaviour of a few. I enjoy the relaxed and social consumption of alcohol in which I engage, and hope that if I have a picnic or attend a public event (SummerTimes events, New Year's Eve, plays etc) my friends and I would be able to have a few glasses of wine or beer. From this basis I do not support the proposed changes. As a regular attendee of bars and nightclubs in town at night, I regularly see people drinking on the streets of Christchurch. I am of the opinion (right or wrong) that these people are bringing alcohol and drinking it, as it is cheaper than from a licensed premise and often they drink to become drunk. It is at this stage where they become offensive, as they are no longer allowed in licensed premises and have the options of: drinking more, going home, sobering up, or causing trouble (in whatever form). To remove this element from town, I support the idea of the proposed changes. I am a firm believer that the New Zealand Police should be upholders of the law and not enforcers of it. To this end I would like to see the New Zealand Police be given the mandate to prevent the "excessive or offensive" consumption of alcohol in public places. However, the Police need to understand they have the discretion to allow the responsible consumption of alcohol as a legal and accepted social activity. To this point I would support the proposed changes to the consumption of the alcohol in public places on the proviso that rights of responsible alcohol drinkers are not removed and that specific allowances be made for responsible alcohol consumption in public places and during public events. Please feel free to contact me should you need any clarification on this submission.
40	Mrs Mildred Harris 12-6 Flay Crescent Christchurch 5	I think the plan to ban liquor sale or being carried or drunk inside the area bordered by Bealey, Fitzgerald and Moorhouse Avenues and Hagley and Rolleston Avenues and Park Terrace is a most constructive plan that should make our city area much more safe to be in at night or day.
41	C R Dickie 13 Manning Place Christchurch	Fully in favour of no drinking ban.
42	Keith and Maureen Partridge 5 Marama Crescent Christchurch 8	My wife and I would like the Square in our beautiful city to be kept clear of carrying, drinking of alcohol at all times.
43	Mrs N Dick 27 Garlands Road Woolston Christchurch	I have written to let you know that I agree with the ban on alcohol at the weekends from 7pm to 7am. I also think that the hotels should close at 10pm at night. So that the people don't go down to New Brighton at the weekend the ban should be there too.

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44	Jim Read 205 Marine Parade Christchurch 9	My husband and I whole heartedly agree with the ban on the city alcohol ban. Why stop there? A ban in the suburbs would be good too. It is especially bad in New Brighton. We see the destruction that drunken louts do at the weekend. We pick up enough bottles and cans at the weekend to fill two green recycling bins. We also see plants pulled out of gardens in the mall, windows smashed, rubbish emptied out of bins and scattered everywhere. Not to mention the broken glass in Beresford Street, up the Marine Parade and the fences and letterboxes that are destroyed. We are afraid that if a ban is put on the city the situation will spread to the suburbs. This needs serious consideration, and needs an overall ban of drinking in the street anywhere.
45	Andrew Dickerson Chief Executive Age Concern Canterbury P O Box 2355 Christchurch	At its meeting on 20 November 2002, the Executive Board of Age Concern Canterbury Inc considered the proposed central city alcohol ban. Members were unanimous in their support for the ban. Our support is based on our role as an advocate for older people, who may be the victims of alcohol induced crime. Also as a property owner in the proposed area of the ban.
46	Mr Ernie Gale 18 Joy Street Christchurch	Regarding the proposed central city alcohol ban for this coming festive season, I think it's a step in the right direction, but is it going far enough as alcohol will still be available? Which will be counter-productive to any such plan and result in the continuation of the inner city troubles albeit in a confined area. It's always a good idea to look after one's customers to give them the opportunity to be a permanent one instead of being killed or injured in alcohol involved accidents. I would like to suggest one idea which will I'm sure would be acceptable with the general public, is for licensees to make available, more so, an attractive series of non-alcoholic drinks, and maybe a separate bar for this, I'm sure many thinking patrons would appreciate this move by barmen who are by the way trained to serve non-alcoholic beverages in an acceptable fashion ie by mixing healthy fruit juices presented in an artistic way, I for one as a teetotaler have been served such in a hotel while attending a business function and was appreciated by all attending. Some sort of innovation is certainly needed to offset the carnage that's going on in this fair city of ours.
47	Mrs Evelyne Neville 20 Rasen Place Bromley Christchurch	It's a great idea, and costs nothing, but vigilance, but it will make property, streets, and most of all people safer for the time it's enforced. I hope the police and wardens don't treat these drinkers lightly but make it clear their (the drinkers) actions are selfish and undesirable. On TV the police at times tend to treat the offence flippantly so they are not setting good standards for the offenders. There is one very serious failing in your plan. To do it in a way that will help most people it <u>must</u> include Sunday nights. The New Life Church seats about 1,000 people alone - men, women and children in the night services which can be any night of the week but always on Sundays. Combined with the other central city churches the numbers of people leaving their cars, and walking the remaining distance, would be in their thousands. Babies in arms, to the very elderly and disabled, also travel this way. When they leave the churches they don't know what they will see outside, nor what state their transport will be in - if it's still there. It's wrong not to consider these people, many who actually help among these selfish and sometimes disturbed drinkers. Please give them, and their families, this "special night" to refresh themselves for the week ahead and for their children to enjoy this close time together, with their parents, free of the foul abuse, vomit and urine of the aggressive street scene - it's so necessary. Thank you for the poll.

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48	Ivan Riordan 22 Olivine Street Shirley Christchurch 8001	I wish to make a written statement on the proposed central city liquor ban. I have the following questions about the proposed ban that are of concern to myself and hence wish to have them viewed and made known to those people concerned: How will the police determine if someone or if a vehicle is carrying or transporting liquor? People could give misleading or false information to police when asked, how will the police know what is the truth? Will there not be a lot of time by the police in checking up on information given to them? Are police not busy enough already? People could give a friend's name and address and then go somewhere else. People could say they were going to a BYO premises and then not go. What means could the police use to stop the situation in the above two points? Maybe the liquor ban should be ... "that no liquor shall be consumed or drank in the proposed area". In the "powers of police" there seems no provision to allow for an exemption for people to go to a BYO premise or to a private premise. In "powers of police" the last sentence that reads ... "A member of the police may seize ... an offence under section 709G", should be changed to read ... "A member of the police shall after refusal by a person/s to comply with the Act 709G, seize and remove liquor and its container or any other container that he or she has reasonable cause to believe would be evidence of the commission of an offence under section 709G". How would special events be monitored? and at what costs to the ratepayers? Would there be liquor sales at special events to compensate for not being allowed to bring your own liquor.
49	Ruth Leversedge Community Alcohol Action Project Co-ordinator CAAP P O Box 237 Christchurch	I am pleased that CCC is taking this initiative to promote responsible drinking. Sale of Liquor Act (1989) Amendments of 1999 have given youth greater access to alcohol without resources for better enforcement. Concern about youth drinking patterns is reflected locally in our drink-drive convictions. The alcohol limit for driving is effectively zero for teens who in the last three years have overtaken 20-25 year olds to be the largest age-group caught drink-driving. Teens accounted for 24% of the 1,607 Christchurch drink-drivers apprehended in 2001. This bylaw will be another tool to help reduce alcohol-related harm in our city.
50	Mrs Elizabeth Arps F2/8 Darroch Street Christchurch 5	I fully agree and commend you on your decision to ban alcohol from the city centre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights between 7pm and 7am.
51	Tanya Cathel-Black 11 Ruru Road Christchurch	I support the ban on alcohol consumption in the central city.
52	Colleen Beaton 73A Mahars Road Mairehau Christchurch	I agree totally with the ban on alcohol in the city at night. In fact it would not be a bad law if extended to every night. Drinking on the streets degrades the city. And I for one do not feel safe because of it. It is uncomfortable enough when a drunk staggers in your direction unless it is possible to cross the street.
53	M A Hogan 6 Squire Street St Albans Christchurch	Yes. A ban on alcohol is desirable, but not just the inner city which will promote other trouble spots. A bylaw prohibiting the drinking and/or carrying of alcohol in any street or public place in Christchurch would ensure that any alcohol consumed to be on licensed premises or in private homes. The carrying of alcohol to be restricted to "bring your own" or purchases being brought home. Such a bylaw could discourage outsiders coming into Christchurch and causing trouble.

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54	Ina, Sinclair & Kathleen Beggs 309 Lake Terrace Road Christchurch (via email)	Re Ban on alcohol in central city.. A GREAT IDEA. Pity it can't be banned in the whole world as it causes so much misery! Keep up the good work.
55	Richard Wesley 391 Selwyn Street Christchurch	I fully support the ban as it is crazy out on the streets at night. I work in a building on the corner of Manchester and Hereford Streets and the mayhem outside on any night of the week is really bad. I am a night club goer on Friday and Saturday nights and have no problem with people drinking in bars. Out on the street though it is only underage drinkers and idiots who wreck the feel of Christchurch for everyone.
56	Marcio Anguisaca 12 Vogel Street Richmond Christchurch	Yes I agree with the alcohol ban. It will be safer in town for everyone.
57	Stephen McIntyre 16 Nicholls Road Halswell Christchurch 3	While I am generally in favour of the proposed ban of public alcohol consumption, I am most concerned by the implications of giving the police powers to stop and search people, bags and vehicles without substantial cause. It is absolutely vital that the right to privacy be maintained to the utmost level in our community. If police are to be allowed to search people, bags and vehicles for alcohol, then it's imperative that they only be allowed to do so when they have sufficient reason to suspect that the individual or group in question is flouting the law. I know of many cases in Christchurch where young people and people from ethnic groups have been stopped or pulled over and unreasonably searched for drugs when a police officer has invoked the Misuse of Drugs Act. I say unreasonably because in all these cases the person has been doing nothing untoward and more often than not the search has revealed nothing illegal. The only result of such abuses of police powers has been a growing sense of resentment by individuals against law enforcement. I would be happy to see the alcohol ban result in saner, more sober behaviour within the city centre, but I do not want more young kids and Maori winding up in court on cannabis possession charges simply because police used the ban as an excuse to search someone because of the way they dress or the colour of their skin. By all means instigate and enforce an alcohol ban, but do not give the police wide-ranging powers to stop and search people. Set clear guidelines as to what constitutes grounds to search, and do not leave it up to individual officers to use their discretion on this matter. It is a power that is wide open to abuse.
58	Christopher G Gourlie and Catherine L Scott c/- 160A Rocking Horse Rd Southshore Christchurch 8007	Whilst we are sympathetic to the City Council's concerns that has led to the central city liquor ban proposal we have a number of concerns relating to the proposal which we believe need to be addressed before the proposal is enacted. These concerns are: 1. The area defined is too large and has too many entry points to be effectively and realistically policed. 2. Further, the designated area has a number of mixed (ie residential and commercial) zonings and the restrictions placed by this proposal will reduce the comparative rights of the citizens living within this area when compared to others living outside of this area. 3. Finally, we question the ability of the police to distinguish between ordinary citizens, carrying out their lawful activities and those for whom the proposal is intended. We would like to know the criteria under which these people could be identified. We also note that the police already have wide range of powers enabling them to curtail the activities of people acting inappropriately and believe that the police should first look to enforcing these laws before looking to extend their powers through the central city liquor ban proposal. Please be advised that we would like the opportunity address these matters concerning the proposal in person and that we can be contacted via the above details.

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59	Richard Tilbury	I agree with your proposal to have a limited ban on carrying alcohol around central city streets. this will improve the city's image with tourists if out of control teenagers are out of sight. Any limitations and restrictions on alcohol use not only help those consuming it but also has many down stream benefits as well when alcohol consumption is curbed. Well done.
60	Norm Collins P O Box 13-521 Armagh Christchurch	As a resident of Colombo Street, Sydenham (near Byron/Sandyford Streets) I wish to ask that the proposed liquor ban be extended into Sydenham to at least Brougham Street if not to Milton Street. In recent weeks we have had: at least one shop window broken each weekend; phone box windows smashed; bus shelter glass smashed; broken glass on footpaths, road and shop doorways, this being from bottles containing alcohol; Spotlight Plaza has been hit hard in the last three weekends both Friday and Saturday nights from broken glass not only on the Colombo Street frontage but also in the adjoining car parks (this information was supplied by the weekend custodian at the Plaza). Another <u>big concern</u> is that with the large number that gather at the South City Centre (there have been windows smashed there recently) will move into Sydenham if the ban is only to Moorhouse Avenue. So on behalf of other residents and retailers in this area I ask that you give this your utmost consideration as we feel we have had our share of loutish behaviour and vandalism over the last few years.
61	Neville Tobin (via email)	My view on the proposed ban on drinking or carrying alcohol in public places within the four avenues is to support the proposal. As a one time bus driver who drove Colombo St etc frequently on weekend evenings I had the opportunity to witness behaviour of some age groups more than many other people. I saw much aggressive and anti social activity from drunken young people and was frequently uncomfortable, even afraid, although never actually intimidated. I certainly did not like night shift on Fri/Sat nights when buses became the favoured method of transport for young men (boys actually) who felt they had something to prove. Alcohol was much in evidence in the city on those nights, not only amongst pedestrians but in cars. When I was young the long arm of the law would have had us off the road if they had thought there was an open bottle near a car. It seems now that there is nothing the law can do about it. I support any move which will curb anti social behaviour, much of which I believe is directly related to the over consumption of alcohol. Other drugs may also be involved but meantime I support this proposal as a first step.
62	Ralph Ross President Shirley Residents Group Inc c/ 1 B Spurway Place Shirley Christchurch	The Shirley Residents Group at its meeting held this week discussed the Alcohol Ban. We support both the CCC and the Police in placing this ban in our city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. This Ban should apply from 7pm to 7am the following morning and would give the Police Officers the power to arrest people who refuse to follow their instructions and to take away alcohol where appropriate. Shirley area experiences problems with alcohol, similar to that existing in the central city therefore we know that unless this ban covers the whole city the problems will only shift from the central city to the suburbs and either another deputation, when the Police find that they have failed the city by not making this ban for the whole city, or that the CCC through its Councillors and staff extend this ban to cover this city wide. Our submission therefore is that this ban must be given for the city wide area as for the central city. Each suburb needs the same protection as the inner city. We trust the residents of Shirley will have cause to applaud the Council for taking the lead in making this ban city wide. It would be unfortunate if we had to be part of adverse publicity because our suburban problems increase as the problems move from the inner city into our area.

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63	Brent Berg 160 Knowles Street St Albans Christchurch	<p>I would like to say I am AGAINST the proposed alcohol ban within the four avenues on Friday & Saturday nights as proposed by the Police. I would like to put my argument in the following situations which will happen if the ban is put in place. I have just purchased a crate of beer and some cask wine from The Mill liquor store on Fitzgerald Ave, Hereford St corner, I place the crate and wine in the back of my station wagon. I'm travelling back through town on my way home. I decide to stop and look at a sale in town. I find a parking space and park my car for an hour to get to the store and have a look around. Along comes a Police officer on foot patrol and sees that I have alcohol in my station wagon, It is Friday night and I'm in breech of the new liquor ban. 1) Will I be given a spot fine for breeching the act? 2) Will my vehicle be clamped? 3) Will be vehicle be towed away? There is nothing in this bill that gives me the right to carry alcohol in my vehicle. I'm a target, or if this bill is introduced I soon will be! I travel home instead of shopping. I'm stopped at a check point the crate of beer and wine are seen by the Police. I'm questioned what am I doing with alcohol in the city, you know there is a ban in place. There is NO provision for me to have the right to carry it to my home. How I see it, the Police could demand that I leave it with them at the check point. I'm not going to dine, and I don't live in the four avenues? Were do I stand. Don't say common sense will prevail. I would hate to see a member of the public in a court case to try and prove a point through sloppy legislation. A young couple are walking through town to dine out at a BYO restaurant. They are carrying a bottle of wine each one bottle half opened and corked from earlier in the evening. They are stopped by the Police. Police... What are you doing with alcohol in the city, there is a ban in place! Couple...We are going to Pedros BYO restaurant. Police... Your some distance away from there! Police... One bottle is half full, Have you been drinking it as you are walking through town! Couple... No. It is from earlier on at home. Police... Why are you so far from Pedros? Couple... It was such a nice evening we decide to walk through the gardens from our home in Riccarton, and get a cab home. Police... I don't believe you! Couple....Check it out we have a booking. Police...Prove it. Couple... We phoned our booking earlier in the day. Police... So you have no proof your going to Pedros. Couple... Well come along with us. We can prove it when we get there. Police...Do you have a Cell Phone. Couple... No Couple... you could phone them, Police.. I have better things to do! Police.. Well I still don't believe you, either leave the bottles with me now or your under arrest for breaking Bylaws 716A and 709! What provision is going to be made if you have a Police officer who is hacked off having to work on a warm Saturday night, and decides to take his frustrations out on a young couple. Who has the rights the Police or the couple? What rights will the couple have? Don't laugh all the above is bound to happen. There is no problem as far as I'm concerned. There are enough rules and regulations out there already to enforce drunken behaviour. All I can see is the police wanting to do is take away more rights from our citizens. I say NO to the ban because of the above situations.</p>
64	Deb Dent 52 Cornwall Street St Albans Christchurch 8001	I wholeheartedly agree with this proposition. The sooner it is brought in the better.
65	Darren Moses 3/378 Durham Street Christchurch	Only 1 minor concern: 1: I live within the 4 aves and occasionally set off to various city parks with a few friends and a couple of bottles of wine on a sunny day. Does the proposed ban mean I will no longer be able to enjoy a wine in the company of friends in a leafy Council park? We are respectable working types who pose no "threat" to any member of the public, and I feel that this may give the police powers to "shoo us on", when in fact there is no chance of anyone being offended, or trouble being caused.

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66	Tim Barnett MP Christchurch Central Electorate Office Level 3 103 Worcester Street PO Box 13 295 Christchurch	<p>I am the Member of Parliament for Christchurch Central, including the central city. For the past 11 years I have lived in the central city, in three separate locations. I have four specific comments in relation to the ban, bolded below. I welcome the attention that the City Council is giving to the specific needs of the central city, and to the issues arising from over-consumption of alcohol there during weekends. I accept that alcohol bans have been reported as effective in other cities and accept that it has a potential to be part of a solution in Christchurch. The problem is complex, and a ban can only address one, public, part of it. There are a range of other interventions which could be made, and some which have been made. They include more effective monitoring of host responsibility, the creation of some attractive and accessible alternatives in the inner city to consumption of large amounts of alcohol. They also involve creating and sustaining a very close working relationship between the Police, the City Council as Liquor Licensing Authority and the landlords and retailers. I urge that the opportunity offered by consideration of this ban is used to address two linked and vital matters related intimately to alcohol abuse in the central city. They are: * the need for a comprehensive alcohol abuse management strategy for the central city and * the need for a review of the alcohol-free facilities and activities offering safer alternatives to alcohol consumption available in the inner city to young people in the evenings and night periods over weekends. A ban in isolation contains risks which need to be foreseen and guarded against. Any ban on widespread consensual activity runs a real risk of being ignored, and not being adequately enforced because the resources are not available. The law then falls rapidly into disrepute. If the Police are sure that it can be fairly enforced with the resources available to them, that is good. Steps then need to be taken to ensure that there is no infringement of civil liberties associated with the enforcement of the ban. Similar bans on street activity, such as the laws against the possession of cannabis, tend to be enforced more vigorously against young men who are of Maori or Pacific Island ethnicity. I urge that effective publicity of the purpose of the ban, to include places available to complain to (for example, the City Council or Community Law Canterbury), is produced. I also urge that monitoring of its implementation (including by gender, age and ethnic group) be undertaken.</p>

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67	Yani Johanson (via email)	<p>1. Introduction - My name is Yani Johanson. I am elected to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board as a member for the Hagley Ward. As an individual I have worked with many young people throughout Christchurch on issues around youth discrimination and youth well being. I have facilitated workshops for young people on central city violence and on youth rights. During my two years on the Christchurch City Youth Council, I was a member of the Christchurch Youth Strategy working party and helped develop the Council's youth policy. I also hold a certificate in Social Services - Youthwork from the Christchurch Polytechnic.</p> <p>2. Concerns at Process - While this submission is being made as an individual, I would like to express my disappointment in the lack of consultation with the local community board (Hagley/Ferrymead) on this issue. I would also like to express concern at the urgency given to this significant debate and lack of opportunity for submitters to present their submissions orally other than the proponents of the ban, in this case the police. I believe that this gives an unfair bias to the your process of 'consultation' and note that you include the police's comments in support of the ban on your <i>"Have Your Say"</i> website but no contrary view. Furthermore I note the Council has a Youth policy that states: <i>"The views of young people are sought and taken into account in the development of the Council's policies and activities"</i>. As such, I would be interested to know if this has been done and if so what they were. If it hasn't then I would suggest that it happen prior to the implementation of the ban.</p> <p>3. Overall Comment - While in principle I object to the ban, as I do not believe it will achieve the desired aim, I accept the chances of the Council not proceeding with it are slim. As such, my submission is focused on areas of concern regarding the ban and other related issues. Alcohol consumption and safety are important issues that need to be addressed in a holistic manner. My primary concern with an alcohol ban is that it does not address the causes of the behaviour and simply deals with it on a superficial level. It is easily used selectively, and may lead to other problems. I find it somewhat hypocritical that priority is given to simply one facet of the issue while other related issues have taken years and are still yet to be resolved (e.g. an underage/alcohol free venue). I also find it disturbing that on one hand the council is encouraging more people to drink by allowing greater access to alcohol (bars in residential neighbourhoods, extended hours of operation, more places to sell alcohol, longer hours of access, and increased rental of 'public' space for 'private' drinking) while on the other hand it is proposing an alcohol ban. Finally, I would ask the question, is the ban really necessary given the police have powers already to deal with underage drinkers and people causing a public nuisance? Or is it simply a way of hiding the lack of manpower that the police currently have to use the existing laws to achieve the desired aims?</p> <p>4. Specific Concerns - 4.1 Selective targeting of young people - Of great concern to me is the impact that this ban will have on young people. It concerns me that it will be used to selectively target groups such as the young, the alternative, and minorities who may not be aware of their legal rights as are other groups. Statistics already show that in terms of drug enforcement, young people and Maori are over represented in convictions compared to the rate of usage amongst the general population. From my experience working with young people, the relationship with police is not good. I see this ban as being a tool that may be used by the police to specifically target young people. 4.2 Proposed Area - I am concerned with the area proposed for the ban. From my understanding of the bans in other areas, they primarily cover the Central Business Districts. I question the need for the ban to be applied over a massive residential area that exists within the four avenues in Christchurch, particularly to the east. 4.3 Displacement of Problem - The ban will simply displace the problem into outlying areas. In many ways it's reflective of the desire by some to 'clean up the city'. This pattern can be seen with the approach taken to the so-called 'undesirables' who recently inhabited Latimer Square. First they were removed from Hagley Park and then the Square before ending up in Latimer Square. Now they are being moved east, and it comes as no surprise to learn that now they are in Beverley Park and Linwood Park. Moving people on does not deal with the problem. Again I stress the need for a holistic approach to this behaviour.</p>

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	Yani Johanson (Cont'd)	<p>4.4 Timeframe - I believe that the timeframe suggested (7pm–7am) is too long. I note in Auckland the ban begins at 11pm. By having longer hours of the ban, you run the risk of having to spend more resources on enforcement at an unrealistic time. You also would potentially include a lot more people who were simply going to the bottle shop and then walking home. 4.5 Increased Drinking in Cars - I am deeply concerned that this ban will encourage more people to drink in their vehicles. I believe people will be more inclined to consume alcohol in cars because it is less obvious and will reduce the risk of getting caught. There may also be more instances of people driving out of the proposed ban area and drinking in public places (e.g. local parks).</p> <p>5. Related Issues - 5.1 Underage/Alcohol-free Venue - For the many years I have been involved with young people there have been constant requests for an underage/alcohol free venue space within the central city. This has been raised in the following documents: Youth Strategy Report (1998); Beat Street- Youth Violence Forum (2000); Youth Employment Summit (2001). I have also raised it numerous times during the annual plan process and yet nothing has happened. If the council is serious about addressing the so-called 'alcohol' problem then it should give priority to facilitating and funding an underage/alcohol free venue that can provide a safe and positive environment for young people. 5.2 Host Responsibility - As someone who has frequented many bars in the central city, I believe there is a major issue with host responsibility that needs to be addressed. Allowing huge lines of intoxicated people to form outside clubs is a source of many violent conflicts. As is the sheer volume of people let into certain places which are that are not designed for such capacity. While there are some bars that are excellent hosts, there are others who are not. These bars need to be stricter on serving people who have had too much too drink. They should be encouraged to develop policies of getting people safely home as opposed to simply tossing them out on the street. I have also observed people frequently leaving bars with glasses or bottles in their hands. Clearly there needs to be further scrutiny of these premises that are not doing their bit to ensure safety and an increase in host responsibility.</p> <p>6. Conclusion - In conclusion, I do not accept that a ban will be the solution to making the city a safer place at night. What is needed is a combination of things such as increased host responsibility, an underage/alcohol free venue and greater awareness to address the associated negative behaviour and create positive change. The reality is that there is a severe problem with the alcohol consumption culture that exists throughout New Zealand and in Christchurch. Whether its rugby player role models or our politicians, there are many examples of where key people in our community abuse alcohol (be they young or old, rich or poor). A ban is not a solution to a problem, but rather more like a sponge that is simply mopping up a small puddle in the middle of a large lake. A comprehensive strategy is needed to deal with this issue in a holistic manner.</p> <p>7. Recommendations - 1. That the views of young people are sought and valued (in accordance with the Youth Policy) prior to the implementation of the ban. 2. That the Christchurch City Council gives urgent priority to facilitating and funding an underage/alcohol free venue in the central city. 3. That the Christchurch City Council gives urgent priority to stopping the growth of bars in residential neighbourhoods. 4. That the Christchurch City Council develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan to deal with issues related to alcohol consumption and purchase in an holistic manner.</p>
68	Irinka and Michael Britnell 25 Hanmer Street Christchurch 8001	We do not support this ban for the inner city.