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We wish to speak to our submission.

Having identified the LTCCP as an important tool for planning and managing change, the NZILA is disappointed at this the first effort of the Christchurch City Council.

At a recent workshop on landscape protection, addressing available methods for addressing change, participants of a number of disciplines identified the LTCCP as "a key opportunity for a strategic plan, for expressing vision, heritage and identity, to explore links between action and effect, to integrate things." Observing drafts such as that of the CCC, it was noted "Some LTCCPs however are little more than fancy annual financial plans."

This Council has interpreted the requirement for an LTCCP to be confined to management of a series of public resources and not to address the places of the City in an integrated way. We are most disappointed at the lack of strategic planning, vision and integration in this draft document. We do not accept the argument that the LTCCP should address public resources and the RMA address private resources. Both parts of this position are faulty. The RMA addresses both public and private. The LTCCP is also to address both public and private resources, whilst of course being confined to actual budgets for the public purse. The broad outcomes articulated in the Christchurch draft LTCCP are too vague to be useful. They could apply to almost anywhere. They articulate little of a potentially effective strategic direction for the place of Christchurch.

With regard to the specific initiatives outlined:

- The NZILA supports kerbside collection of organic waste being implemented promptly.
- We support a zero residual waste intent.
- We also support greater investment in the Botanic Gardens as a key repository, educational resource and visitor destination. Whilst a number of potential projects are identified, the improved management of the Gardens lands and improved representative plant collections both require emphasis. We are wary of excessive tree renewal.
- The NZILA supports development of a biodiversity strategy, as per the government policy requirement.
- The NZILA congratulates the Council on the Christchurch Art Gallery facility and supports ongoing evening programme and open hours.
- The NZILA supports increased efforts in heritage protection.

These latter 4 points all activity maintain and enhance the very important identity and sense of place of Christchurch.

We ask that there be commitment to further development of the LTCCP to better provide a visionary, integrated strategic planning document for the City.