

6 May 2004

“LTCCP Submissions”
Christchurch City Council
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Environment Canterbury wishes to make the following comments on the Christchurch City Council Long Term Council Community Plan.

Public Passenger Transport

Environment Canterbury would like to applaud the City Council's Community Plan for its strong commitment to making provision for alternative modes, specifically Passenger Transport. We look forward to working in partnership with you to achieve the targets in our joint Christchurch Passenger Transport Strategy, as well as the Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Statement.

Introduction of a new cross suburban bus route in Christchurch has been scheduled for 2006/07. However ECan is now considering bringing forward the introduction date of this service to 2004/05. Reasons for this are:

- The possibility of funding being made available unexpectedly.
- Significant community interest and support exists for the introduction of another Orbiter type service. Since the introduction of the western half of the Orbiter in 1999, ECan has been working on developing other cross suburban route options as part of the service review process. A route linking key attractions to the east of Christchurch with those to the west has evolved from this process.

The cross suburban service would be modelled along similar lines to the Orbiter, offering a high level of customer service combined with a unique brand.

Integral to the success of such a high profile new route is the provision of high quality, modern, attractive infrastructure, similar to that of the Orbiter. Given that the potential to bring forward the implementation date of a new cross suburban service has only recently emerged, ECan anticipates that it is unlikely that the City Council has made provision in its 2004/05 budget for the funding of the infrastructure required to support this new route.

We thus request that the City Council include in the 2004/05 year of the budget for the 2004-2014 Community Plan, provision for the infrastructure required to support a new cross suburban bus service.

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Waterways and Land Drainage

In the section on Waterways and Land Drainage, reference is made to designing waterways to minimise the impact of a 50 year storm (p 60) and similarly that no dwellings are inundated in residential areas for one in 50 year storm events (p 137,138139)

For both waterways and for residential dwellings it is our understanding that a 50 year return period standard is neither appropriate nor what the City are currently working to. For example in the Heathcote River Floodplain Management Strategy, Nov 1998 (jointly approved by CCC and Ecan) the impacts of all floods are considered but particularly those which are considered to cause the most damage over time. With the margins of Christchurch's waterways being already significantly developed it will be difficult to put in place the structural measures such that the waterways accommodate a 50 year event.

Under Variation 48 to the Proposed Christchurch District Plan a 200 year standard is being used as the basis for setting residential floor levels in relation to flooding. The Plan already includes floor levels for Clearwater of a 1000year standard. Having the Community Plan making reference to a 50 year standard will be confusing in relation to the District Plan.

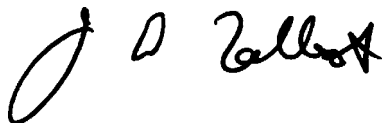
The wording for pages 60 and 138 could be altered to read, "*The waterways system is designed to minimise the impact of significant 50-year floods*"

The wording for pages 137 and 139 could be altered to read "*Flooding is managed to prevent inundation into dwellings, ~~in accordance with design standards~~*"

"No dwellings constructed in accordance with design standards are inundated in residential areas for one in 50 year storm events"

Environment Canterbury does not wish to be heard but if any further explanation is considered necessary, including attendance at any hearing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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