

# **Our Community Plan Christchurch O-Tautahi 2004/14 SUBMISSION**

Submissions close on 6 May 2004

I do not wish to make a personal submission at the hearings.

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**Your Submission:** Community Grant for the Christchurch Cathedral

I am making this submission in support of the proposed annual grant to the Christchurch Cathedral which I understand has been included in the Community Grants Budget in "Our Community Plan".

The Cathedral serves as a prominent icon of our City and will always, in my opinion, attract tourists into the centre of the City. The resulting increase in associated retail activity ensures the centre of the City remains vibrant and is recognised as a "place to shop" not only by the tourists themselves but also by our local residents.

It is a real tribute to the Cathedral management that they have been able to maintain their ethos that entry to the building is free, through the commitment of the very loyal band of volunteers.

In my opinion the Cathedral deserves to be treated as a worthwhile recipient of a Community Grant alongside other Council funded organisations. I also believe that such a Grant would be spent wisely and responsibly in ensuring the many visitors to the City have an even more enjoyable experience.

Approving this Grant would send a very strong message of appreciation and support to the Cathedral management, employees and volunteers from the Community of Christchurch.

Yours sincerely  
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