

# 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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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>Up to this time the council has always rejected incineration/power generation as uneconomic especially re initial capital outlay. Since the canning of project Aqua and the foreseen future electricity shortage/cost increase it seems to me that it would be prudent to consider this again.</p> <p>Such a project could be undertaken with other councils across the south island, Meridian Energy and Solid Energy thus provideing much extra investment. The construction of a thermal power station is now a near certainty and it would seem best to plan and lobby so as to maximise the advantages of this for our city future.</p> <p>Such a plant could be built to BURN COAL AND REFUSE, could be located anywhere near the main west coast rail line and would provide more efficient transmission to point of consumption due to closer proximity. Already a westcoast location has been suggested by Solid Energy. Also railways would be able to cart our refuse in the empty coal wagons as backload from the Port Lyttleton Coal Facility. All this would reduce landfill waste dramatically and thus prolong the usefull life expectancy of the Kate Valley site, provideing a longterm cost saveing there. As an investor one would expect to see dividends returning from shares in such a plant, the money being available from the south power sale, it would still fullfill its purpose as an investment fund whilst simultaineously being used to solve our long term energy and waste management needs.</p>
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<b>Your Submission (2):</b>	<p>I know the greens suport trains so they will like this idea. Has there been any renewed thought or study on the viability of commuter trains for greater CHCH area. I spent awhile living in Manchester where an old rail system was used as the hub for an electric suburban tram sytem that is one of the few profitable public transport train systems in the world, perhaps you could look into that.</p>
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**Your Submission (2) (Cont'd):**

I think railcars from Rangiora stopping at Kaiapoi, Belfast, Redwood, Papanui, etc and thru Riccarton, the old city station, Opawa, Heathcote, Lyttleton plus south to Rolleston and Hornby might be considerably more profitable now that these areas have expanded exponentially compared with the '70's when those old trains were phased out.

This might help alleviate the road congestion at peak times, the rail system is already in place and some of the stations. It would probably be best to focus on worker transport ie morning and late afternoon times.