

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I wish to talk to the main points in my submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006.

I am completing this submission:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:
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I also want to respond to:

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Your Submission: **Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?**

I believe that the biodiversity strategy should be considered as a priority discretionary project rather than its present ranking as a non priority discretionary project. Regionally, with the amalgamation of Banks Peninsula with the city we have increased biodiversity issues and responsibilities to deal with. Internationally, and more importantly, biodiversity and the environment sustain our very existence on this planet. Therefore biodiversity is even more important than rubbish bags, rowing lakes and art galleries. In the face of the looming issue of climate change we have a small window of opportunity to assist and build resilience into our natural ecosystems by protecting and restoring natural environments to cope with future environmental uncertainties one of which is climate change. I therefore support the biodiversity strategy being implemented in full up to the \$25 million proposed. If sources of funding are needed to do this then the \$11.5 million for the Lake Issacs flatwater facility, \$2.43 million for the Library RFID system, \$0.26 million for painting the art gallery feature (page 79), \$1.4 million for lowering of the New Brighton Sand Dunes, \$1 million for Ruapuna track resurfacing and \$1.5 million for the New Brighton artificial reef (page 80) all of which are listed as existing 10 year capital budget items could all be redirected towards the implementation of the biodiversity strategy. This total is would contribute just over \$17 million towards implementing the strategy.

If our city is to be "A city of people who value and protect the natural environment" as listed in the community outcomes chapter of the LTCCP then the council needs to show that it is leading by example.

Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?