

To the CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL.

LAKE ISAAC ROWING FACILITY.

We wish the Christchurch City Council to consider their support for a flat water rowing venue, suitable for the rising numbers of people taking part in water sports in and around Christchurch.

After being a spectator at the recent National Rowing events for secondary Schools throughout New Zealand, at Lake Ruataniwha recently, we felt Christchurch was missing out on a spectacular occasion. For the previous week Twizel was buzzing, and accommodation was at a premium from Omarama to Lake Tekapo.

Christchurch would be such a perfect venue for this rapidly growing sport, and it would save schools the regular travel to Twizel over the summer months before the Nationals in order to practise on suitable water.

We would urge you to reinstate the previous \$11 million allocation to build a lake on land that Lady Isaac has so generously given.

And also investigate the *new site* located 4 kilometres from the Airport.

We have 2 grandsons selected for the National Junior Development squad and so are very interested in seeing that they, and others in the years ahead, are given the best opportunities to develop their skills.

The Avon River does not meet the needs of so many rowers now, and will only prove to be even more limiting in the years to come.

Christchurch, Canterbury, and even the whole of New Zealand has much to gain from a sporting venue such as described above.

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