

## LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>Support for Lake Isaac Facility</p> <p>Hi there</p> <p>I currently row for Canterbury Rowing Club, based at Kerrs Reach, and while the Reach has the benefit of nearly 100% flat water (compared to the harbour environments of other cities), there are many other hazards faced on a daily basis, including weed (which seems to have had phenomenal growth this summer), debris and rubbish (which damages equipment with alarming regularity), suicidal ducks and swans, other water users (e.g. kayakers, surf boat rowers, outriggers) which leads to very congested use of the river, and of course the large number of other rowers from schools and clubs.</p> <p>A dedicated facility at Lake Isaac for water users, and the ability to train on a straight course would be of tremendous benefit to rowers, like myself, who are limited to training times outside of work and school hours, which may not coincide with high tide (i.e. no weed), and does coincide with the most congested times (i.e. other water users also using the Reach). There have been a high number of near hits and actual collisions between rowing boats and other water craft during the past summer, partly due to users not adhering to the rules of the river, and partly due to the high congestion on the river.</p> <p>It seems to me that Kerrs Reach either needs a major overhaul to make it a consistently, viable and safe training facility for rowers, or the funding should be put into a dedicated facility, such as Lake Isaac.</p> <p>Regards. Kirsty Ferguson</p> <p>Kirsty Ferguson Senior Environmental Planner MWH New Zealand Limited 7 Deans Avenue PO Box 13 249 Christchurch New Zealand</p> <p>Ph: +64 3 341 4774 Fax: +64 3 341 5345 Email: kirsten.l.ferguson@mwhglobal.com</p>