

SUBMISSION ON CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL LTCCP 2006 to 2016

(1) WASTE MINIMISATION.

References in LTCCP: Page 44 – “ A City of People who Protect the Natural Environment”

Page 51 – “ Strategic Direction – Healthy Environment
(Challenges) *include limiting or reducing the amount of natural resources we use, reducing pollution and waste* “

Page 52 – “ Goals and Objectives (1, bullet point 4)
Encouraging waste reduction, reuse and recycling”

Page 137 – “Refuse Minimisation and Disposal
The Council encourages waste reduction, reuse and recycling, to support the health of the community and the environment, and to encourage the sustainable use of natural resources.

- (a) Volumes of cleanfill materials generated by infrastructural / industrial / urban development and maintenance are significantly in excess of the volumes of general refuse materials deposited at landfills yet no waste minimisation targets appear in the LTCCP for cleanfill materials.

Accordingly the section headed “ Refuse Minimisation and Disposal should:

- be retitled “ Waste Minimisation and Disposal” and
- measurable targets for cleanfill minimisation should be included in the targets of “Measuring our Achievements (page 139)

- (b) The words embodied in the ‘higher levels’ of the LTCCP are laudable but they do not appear to translate into measurable targets with respect to the activities of the Council’s own asset managing units.(i.e. The Council does not seem to ‘walk the talk” with respect to its own activities) For example the City Streets and Transportation Unit, which is the largest single generator of cleanfill within the city area, refers to the use of non-renewable resources and recycling yet, again, there are no measurable targets.

Therefore each CCC Asset Managing Unit should have measurable waste minimisation targets with respect to their own activities.

(2) ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH IMPACTS OF TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES.

References in LTCCP: Page 44 – “ A City of People who Protect the Natural Environment”

Page 45 – “ A Healthy City”

Page 51 – “ Strategic Direction – Healthy Environment
The natural environment sustains all human activity and therefore a healthy environment is essential to achieving Council’s social, cultural and economic goals “

Page 52 – “ Goals and Objectives (2, bullet point 2)
Planning land use and transport in a way that minimises pollution”

Page 149 – “How does the Council’s work contribute towards Community Outcomes
*Environment – By helping to reduce energy consumption in our community
Health -.By contributing to improved air quality ...”*

Again the words in the ‘higher levels’ of the LTCCP show good intent but there are no measurable targets with respect to the environmental or health effects of transportation. For example noise – which internationally is considered to be one of the most detrimental effects - rates only a passing mention.

The LTCCP should therefore contain measurable targets with respect to the reduction of environmental and health effects of land transport (including particular reference to ‘noise’.)

(3) UNDERGROUNDING OF POWER AND TELECOMMUNICATION CABLING.

Whilst I have been unable to find reference to this topic in the LTCCP, I understand that the Council is considering the continuation of its undergrounding policy. I further understand that it is proposed to continue undergrounding on main roads but ceasing the part payment policy for other streets. Whilst I would prefer to see a continuation of the present policy I support the undergrounding of power and telecommunication cables on main roads.

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