

**LYTTELTON & AKAROA HARBOUR ISSUES GROUP'S  
JOINT SUBMISSION TO  
CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT LTCCP 2006-16**

**The following is a joint submission, made on behalf of the two Banks Peninsula Harbour Issues Groups. We wish to be heard in support of our submission.**

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**The Harbour Issues Groups – Group compositions**

Each group comprises members from each of the local communities in or around Lyttelton Harbour and Akaroa Harbours respectively, local Runanga, local authority (1 staff member, 2 Community Board members and 1 Councillor in attendance - formerly BPDC), and one nominated staff member from each of Environment Canterbury, DoC, and Community and Public Health.

LHIG has an additional representative from the Lyttelton Port Company and AHIWP has an additional representative from Federated Farmers, local fishing clubs and local businesses.

**How did the Groups form?**

The two Groups were established in January 1999 as a result of concern for issues in each of the Lyttelton and Akaroa Harbour environments. The establishment of the groups aimed to provide wider distribution of information relating to district and regional council activities and achieve a greater level of local input to district and regional council policies and operating. Over the past seven years the groups have created a forum for encouraging co-operation between communities and authorities to find solutions to common problems

**Achievements to date**

- Community – council communication and resulting improvements to local issues eg maintenance of existing storm-water facilities, coastal edge maintenance contracts, identifying water pollution sources

- Community – council communication and resulting improvements to policy eg initiation of protocols in relation to implementing and monitoring new developments etc
- Sampling for SWIM programme (with analysis and information dissemination undertaken by ECan) – recipients of Local Government award
- Draft Lyttelton Harbour Sedimentation Monitoring Plan (LHIG) - including completion of initial bench-marking research undertaken by NIWA
- Partnership undertaking with ESR for identifying pollution sources (AHIWP)

#### **How do the Groups conduct their business?**

The Groups each hold one meeting every 6 weeks (approximately) - or 8 per year including one combined Group meeting each year. They also undertake regular summer water sampling and other activities pertinent to each Group's particular programmes (eg stream sampling, Harbour Sedimentation Monitoring Plan). Meetings are well attended with the minutes being sent to all regular attendees - 84 people/representatives (48 from LHIG & 36 from AHIWG)

#### **Our submission is:**

The Groups seek the same level of commitment from CCC to each Groups' programmes as was formerly provided by BPDC. This commitment includes:

- the attendance and participation of relevant staff at each of the Group meetings (approximately 2X 8 per year for 3 hours – inclusive of travel),
- the allowance (of approximately 2 hours) for support services between meetings
- provision of additional resource material (eg maps) as necessary

#### **Our submission refers to:**

The ongoing successes and achievements of the LHIG & AHIWP are entirely dependent on the levels of commitment made by the various participants in the each of the Groups. Over the last 7 years, the annual commitment from BPDC as the local authority and from ECan has been essential.

BPDC allocated approximately \$5,000 for staff time and for goods & services funding to activities supporting the LHIG annually.

BPDC allocated approximately \$5,000 for staff time and for goods & services funding to activities supporting the AHIWG annually.

[By comparison, ECan has allocated approximately \$40,000 (total for the two groups) annually. This funding is for staff time and for goods and services funding to activities supporting the Groups.]

#### **The decision we seek from CCC is:**

1. That CCC continue to provide support in each of the years from 2006-2016, through the allocation of staff time and goods & services funding for each of these groups, to at least the same level which Banks Peninsula District Council has provided in previous years.
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