

submission form

Instructions

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: we are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission...

Deliver in person to 1st floor, TUAM ST, CATH City.

By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Our Community Plan
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8003

By email

Please email your submission to:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at:

http://www.ccc.govt.nz

Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings. ✓

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on the draft Our Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent? *Many*

My submission refers to: Full version Page No.s Summary version Page No.

Do you also want to respond to: Development Contributions Aquatic Facilities Other

Contact Name Janet BEGG

Organisation name (if applicable) _____

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Signature Janet Beggs Date 5 May 2006



Summary submission form

Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views

See list of major projects in the summary document

Questions

① Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Our Community Plan? page number

Christchurch Botanic Gardens
pages 59, 73, 83, 83, 85, 127. + page 11

Public Passenger Transport. page 155

Water Re-use. page 74

Canterbury Museum. pages 86, 104, 107

② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number

③ Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number

See my attached ⁴ pages. Six in all.

You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.

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Referred to:

Date referred:

Date required:

Heard: Yes No



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from: JANET BEGG. phone 3855 114
9 Hope St, Shirley, Christchurch.

to: Christchurch City Council
re Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.

My submission is mainly about funding for:
The Christchurch Botanic Gardens,
Christchurch Public Libraries

Public Passenger Transport,

Canterbury Museum,

Water Re-use

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1. The CHRISTCHURCH BOTANIC GARDENS.

On page 11, Lesley McTurk says "The council is constantly being asked for more, such as enhanced facilities at the Botanic Gardens"

I object strongly to that loaded statement.

The Christchurch Botanic Gardens have been sadly neglected for many decades (long before Lesley McTurk came to Christchurch). That is well recognised.

And that is why our good city councillor Alister James enabled the Christchurch Botanic Gardens to be allocated some catch-up funding in the LTCCP in 2004 for 2007 onwards.

Do not allow over-funding of the Canterbury Museum to influence lower capital expenditure for the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, for goodness sake.

pages 59, 73, 83, 83, 85, and 127 allow for modest spending in capital works and operational expenditure for the Botanic Gardens.

But the Christchurch Botanic Gardens still remain the poor little Cinderella in the proposed Activity Operational Costs on page 127:
2006/07 at \$4,848,000 - up to 2015/16 at \$6,061,000

compare that with the Canterbury Museum on page 107 Activity Operational Costs:
2006/07 at \$6,263,000 - up to 2015/16 at \$12,175,000

That is a dismal comparison for our glorious, well-used and much loved Christchurch Botanic Gardens - isn't it?

2. CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

page 86. "Proposals to Cut costs, reduce spending"

DO NOT TOUCH OUR LIBRARIES. After all the wonderful stewardship of our libraries by Sue Sutherland, allowing Christchurch people much better access to the inspiring treasures, we are up in arms about the pathetic attempts to save pennies by shutting down some of those very worthwhile gains that Sue Sutherland implemented for us.

Instead, we should take a hard look at the City Council's expenditure on the Canterbury Museum.

3. CANTERBURY MUSEUM.

pages 86, 104, 107.

and also The Press, Christchurch, Thurs. 4 May 2006. page A2.

page 86. "Proposals to cut costs, reduce spending"

Now why on earth isn't the Canterbury Museum featured at all on this page?

After all, the Canterbury Museum is a bottomless pit of funding and grants from the Christchurch ratepayers and from us again as the taxpayers of New Zealand. A proposed "Revitalisation" estimated at \$52 million and rising - all on the one small, constricted site. Madness!

The Canterbury Museum does not belong to the Christchurch City Council. And yet it has become its favourite child!

By comparison, the Christchurch City Council's own legitimate child, the Christchurch Botanic Gardens have been the Cinderella for many decades.

So, City Council, please show some tough love with our Grants and Loans to the Canterbury Museum Trust Board and its rapacious emperor.

page 104. Council's objective:

"Provide funding to the Canterbury Museum."

What is the Council already doing?:

"Providing the required funding to the Canterbury Museum"

What will Council do in years 1 to 3, & 4 to 10?:

"Continue to do the same."

How will we know if we achieve our objective?:

"Funding applied as per the Canterbury Museum Annual Plan."

Come on, Councillors, JUST SAY NO. Every year the proposed Museum's Annual Plan is presented to the Christchurch City Council and the other smaller council's for their ENDORSEMENT. Get real. It's money for jam!

I plead with you to honour your obligation which is to provide the required funding. NOT the extravagant demands of the Museum Board.

Canterbury Museum funding -

- Out of control.
- out of proportion.
- Cut it back to the same level as the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and then see sanity prevail.

Libraries, public swimming facilities, the Christchurch Botanic Gardens are all far more relevant to the majority of Christchurch people than is the Canterbury Museum.

PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT.
page 155.

Congratulations to Christchurch City Council and to the Canterbury Regional Council.

Christchurch has a really good bus system and its getting better all the time.

I am personally delighted to have five great bus routes almost at my front gate;

the green Orbiter takes me round and round the city both clockwise and anticlockwise.

the orange MetroStar takes me to so many places that I now can visit very easily.

and the good, old 46, 60 and 70 routes take me to the Bus Xchange.

I'm very pleased to be able to wait inside the Bus Xchange building, but I would not be happy to wait outside on Colombo Street as half of the bus passengers have to at present.

So, please tell me about the proposals for a new Bus Xchange or for expansions to the current one. I can't find any details in this year's LTCCP.

5. WATER RE-USE.

page 74. \$200,000 for feasibility studies.

Yes, indeed. Very worthwhile.

But please increase that allocation to \$500,000 and treat the study as urgent.

Remember - There is no substitute for Water.

6 Public Participation. Note:

Last year, Councillor Barry Corbett was very concerned that most of the LTCCP submitters had not been given a chance to see the management recommendations regarding their submissions before we came to the council table to speak .

Barry then promised that we would all be given a copy of those recommendations before we addressed the councillors.

I hope that means we will have them sent to us in advance?

Barry - That is a really important part of participatory consultation process.

So thank you very much, Councillor Corbett.

Especially is it valuable as those staff recommendations are usually for the status quo.

My Summary.

My heart and soul - with the glorious
Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

My mind - treasures the magnificent free Public Libraries
of the western world.

My body - is very grateful to CCC & ECan for the good
buses, bus shelters, bus routes and the bus xchange.

My sadness - the bottomless pit of funding to the
Canterbury Museum.

And

that beastly, cold easterly wind that
I wish the Wizard of Christchurch could
make disappear! I believe in miracles.

Thanks, everyone.

Christchurch is a good city. It's Home!

Signed

Janet Begg.

