

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

I am completing this submission:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:
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Your Submission:

Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?

I am encouraged by the intention to spend \$17.2 million on tree renewal and 11.1 million on the Botanic Gardens. However, I am interested to know if any of this expenditure on landscaping and public gardens will extend to Akaroa. In particular I would hope that the CCC will take greater interest in/ care of the Garden of Tane/Akaroa Domain and bring it to a level of management and care as other public gardens and parks in Christchurch. The Garden of Tane has significant historical values and contains many significant trees. It has been neglected for many years, the tracks are in poor order, and it is infested by many weeds, some notifiable. It is in need of a management plan and ideally could become an annex of the Christchurch Botanic Garden.

Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

1. Parks, open spaces and waterways (p. 14.) The comment above relates to this activity. The Garden of Tane could be much improved for recreational purposes for residents and tourists alike. The adjacent cemetery is of considerable historic interest and its maintenance could be improved.

2. Recreation and leisure (p. 15). The special circumstances of Akaroa should be taken into account. Although the resident population is small they are distant from other recreational facilities provided by the city. Further there is a need for facilities to provide recreation and leisure for visitors from Christchurch city and tourists and visitors from more distant locations. Of great value to the town would be a covered, heated swimming pool, providing a spa-like facility for both residents and those who seek r & r in Akaroa. Swimming at the local beaches is limited by weather and at times by water quality. Walking is also an important r & R activity in the town and would be enhanced by better maintenance of tracks in and around Akaroa and also extending the existing network of tracks.

**Your Submission
(Cont'd):**

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

1. Inclusion of Banks Peninsula in the same local telephone calling area as Christchurch City.
2. To include Akaroa in the same bus/public transport infrastructure as Christchurch to provide subsidised, business convenient links between the City, Little River and Akaroa.
3. Development of an integrated system of interpretative signs that would inform visitors of the places of historical significance in Akaroa (there are many), e.g. site of French Magasin, the store, hospital and administrative offices of the French colonists/navy & etc. This would enhance the value of Akaroa as a tourist destination. This suggestion has parallels in signage along the Lower Heathcote, Halswell Quarry Park, the Avon in the inner city & etc.
4. I will be away when hearings are held but would be happy to expand on the points I make to the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board if they wish.