

LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

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Your Submission:	<p>Abreast of Life Dragon Boat Team CHRISTCHURCH .</p> <p>The 3rd of May 2006.</p> <p>A submission regarding the proposed Lake Isaac.</p> <p>Dear Sirs and Madams,</p> <p>On behalf of our team, we, the undersigned, wish to make a few submissions in fervent favour of the proposal to make a dedicated water sports facility, - <i>Lake Isaac</i>. Our reasons for approval are I am sure, reiterated by most water sports clubs, none the less, here they are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The state of the river at Kerr's Reach, both aesthetically and in water purity is appalling. We understand the river is four times more polluted than is acceptable by world health standards. Recently our team attended a dragon boat festival dedicated exclusively to dragon boat cancer victim teams such as ours. We, in turn, in years to come would hope to be able to entertain holding such an event here in Christchurch. The regatta we attended in Canada hosted some 62 teams, the thought of 1800 paddlers seeing our "clean green image" out at Kerr's Reach is somewhat appalling. The appeal of a cleaner setting is plainly obvious.2. The steerage of the bigger boats on the Reach is somewhat limited, dodging wayward kayaks etc are difficult in the extreme. Such manoeuvres are fraught with danger and the thought of an involuntary "tip out" is somewhat alarming.3. Because of the number of people using the water owing to the water conditions at peak times is hard to get a training time slot, free from the antics of some of these "users".4. We cannot see how the authority's can justify a possibility of a bird strike with the proposed lake so far from the standard flight path. Lake Roto Kohatu and the Clearwater undertaking, both much heralded by Christchurch, both are plumb dead centre under the flight path of landing and departing planes. Lake Isaac is nowhere near any such track. Because of the airports concern over the bird strike the planned Lake Isaac has already been shifted further away.5. The proposed lake is to entertain water sports of all types. It can be safely assumed that common sense will prevail amongst the designers and developers <p>And the thoughts and consideration of participates such as ourselves should be listened to and then hopefully acted upon. Storage facilities, water entry points, toilets, a modicum of privacy, none of which are available at the current site will enhance any sporting activity undertaken</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6 Owing to the interested and standard of all schools in Christchurch in water sports, triathlons, cycling, running etc. Better facilities standards must be encouraged. There are very few facilities that cater for all ages and abilities and this also would make this project unique to Christchurch. <p>Surely a world class facility such as is proposed would be an essential asset for the whole of Canterbury and indeed New Zealand.</p> <p>Lady Isaac's generosity and the fore site shown for this complete project must be applauded and accepted.</p>

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

Toni Reid and Culhane Petrie on behalf of the Abreast of Life Dragon Boat Team are prepared to speak to the submission if requested.

Yours sincerely,

Toni Reid and Culhane Petrie, (on behalf of the Dragon Boat Team and supporters)