

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I wish to talk to the main points in my submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006.

I am completing this submission:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:
Full Version of the LTCCP

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Your Submission:

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

1) We need to get more efficient in water usage!
Could ess. project 'Replacement of storm water pipes' combined with disc. project 'grey water usage' (p. 74) to come to a more efficient water use more quickly?

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

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

My baseline:

Human (over-)consumption & activity is altering the climate and the chemistry of the foodchain. Western human economies are based on exploitation of fossil resources without 'paying the long-term' price for that exploitation. Fossil resources will run out in the next several decades, which will have a strong impact on economies. In order to avoid significant impacts on our lives and the lives of our children over the next decades we need to reduce our ecological footprint over the next two decades orders of magnitude!

While the report addresses sustainability issues and highlights goals to become a sustainable Christchurch, I feel, the actual actions do not go far enough to address the serious problems we face.

Specific comments:

- I feel the targets for reducing landfill waste do not go far enough at all (p.139)! Minor reduction of total landfill waste over next 10 years!
I would suggest to stop distributing CCC rubbish bags at all (savings!) and adopt a 'waster pays' strategy. At the same time we need to think how to incorporate more producer responsibility on the real costs of the amount of packaging which is used in our economy. We also should think how we can encourage usage of less packaging, eg. by helping bulk food stores. (first R is reduce, 2nd R is reuse...)

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

- I strongly recommend to invest in 'grey-water usage' (p.74) to increase efficiency of water usage.

- The vision for a future Christchurch states 'a must see for visitors' and 'a global investment destination'. These statements are based on the paradigm that globalisation will continue. With increasing resource shortages & increasing transport costs, I do not believe that globalisation will continue, but that future markets will become increasingly local. And private transport will decrease. And I believe a plan like LTCCP should incorporate visions & measures to promote localisation, because localisation will contribute to reducing our ecological footprint and helping our children have a happier live.