

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?

Biodiversity protection is one of the most important issues facing New Zealand. Therefore it should not be sidelined in LTCCP.

1. Putting "Implementation of biodiversity strategy (\$25 million)" in "Discretionary projects considered, but not included in Our Community Plan" (page 4 of Summary) is not acceptable. It should be included in "Essential projects", and strong guidelines and auditing systems set to monitor its timely implementation. This should not be delayed. Canterbury indigenous biodiversity is in pitiful state as it is.

2. In the graph "What you get for your rates" (Page 3 of Summary) I would like to see line:

"Biodiversity protection and enchantment (so many %)"

So that we can see how much of available money is going into of environmental protection

3. I think promotion "of environmentally-sustainable business practices" should be first thing mentioned under the header "Prosperous Economy" (page 7 of Summary)

4. In "Parks, open spaces and waterways" (page 14 of Summary) I have found no mentioning of more money and resource allocation for maintenance and further development of the Christchurch Perimeter Walkway. Such a major local attraction needs better recognition from CCC. It is a valuable city asset and is very much in line with your biodiversity and recreation strategies.

5. Please allocate more resources to protection of dry grasslands of McLeans Island - Halkett area. This unique area of savannah-grassland should achieve status of regional park, and receive proper legislative protection as soon as possible (it was recommended by ECan 15 years ago!). We have already lost too much of it through unauthorised development.

Your Submission:

6. City Council should budget for more planting of indigenous trees. Large native trees are grossly underrepresented in Christchurch. They should line our main streets and transport arteries leading into the city. City council landscape architects should use wider range of native species including the rare and threatened species from Canterbury and Bank Peninsula to restore harmony between urban environments and natural heritage of the land it is build upon.

7. City Council should start legal action against unsustainable high water users of the Canterbury planes region (dairy farmers), because their activities deplete ground waters, which affects the city water supply end undermines public wellbeing, city economy, increases rates and irreversibly damages the ecology of our region. (page 20 of summary)

8. One other thing I would like to submit

We need more cycle-ways and better and cheaper bus services - these two points are not specifically mentioned in LTCCP, but should be (page 18 of summary). There should be clear allocation of funding for these purposes in the plan. Better, affordable bus service (may be even subsidised) and safe dedicated cycleway networks should not only cover Christchurch but also Lyttleton and Akaroa settlements.

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?

I would like to compliment CCC on their waste management strategy. It is very good, you are planning to invest in programmes which will educate public and motivate behaviour changes about waste disposal.