

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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I also want to respond to: Aquatic Facilities

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Your Submission:

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

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

As regards recreation and leisure on page 129, Council notes that its activities include providing access to sporting facilities and that it assists in promoting Christchurch as a national and international sports destination.

However, the proposed Lake Isaac water facility does not feature highly.

I urge Council to consider more carefully the benefits of building an international regatta course as discussed by the Lake Isaac Trust as this would provide the ability to host national and international water sports events.

Such facility would take pressure off existing locations such as the Avon River where there are a high number of users competing for little space. This includes rowers, paddlers, outriggers (Waka Ama) and Dragonboaters.

Recognising the continued growth of Rowing and Outrigging (Waka Ama) over the last years and the growing demand (this is likely to remain so in the future, particularly following the sports' success at recent World events), the time is right for such a facility.

Moreover, recognising also the positive role Outrigging (Waka Ama) plays for the development of Maori youth (not only from a recreational point of view but also culturally), such facility would play an important role for continued growth and facilitating uptake.

Finally, such course would facilitate sporting events to be held in the South Island as it would be close to a major city and more accessible to users from further away (e.g. Nelson).

Decision requested:

(1) Review the assigned priority to Lake Isaac Water facility and consider more carefully its future benefits (particularly in view of the current pressure on existing water sports locations such as the Avon River)

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

(2) Actively support the development of such facility and actively work on resolving tensions between the Trust and users that have concerns (e.g. the Airport).

(3) facilitate discussions between users (e.g. rowers, waka ama) to resolve the number of questions that affected parties have (e.g. what has happened so far, why delays, etc.) and to find a consensus solution that will gain the support of all affected parties.

(4) such review and discussions should be completed by no later than 1 July 2007.

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