

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:
On behalf of a group or organisation

Number of people you represent:
900+

My submission refers to:
Full Version of the LTCCP

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I also want to respond to: Aquatic Facilities

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Your Submission:	<p>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</p> <p>The need for a flat water sports facility that is safe, accessible on a daily basis & meets international criteria of distance, depth etc must be addressed in the LTCCP. Restore Lake Isaac to the LTCCP & hear the facts, not the emotive issues. If open water is so detrimental to airport safety why has ChCh Airport had a substantial lake on it's property adjacent to the main runway threshold for many years? What other airport in NZ can meet the separation from open water distances which CIAL quote? Separation of fact from emotive scaremongering would go a long way to restore the credibility of Council in the eyes of the sporting community.</p> <p>Kerrs Reach is overcrowded, unsafe, water quality on a third of the occasions it was tested by Ecanthis summer failed to meet recreational standards, at times four times in excess.</p>
	<p>Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)</p> <p>The Council is currently addressing launch facilities, replacing a launching beach with pontoons. This does little or anything toward safer standards. Encroachment onto the waterway by Council-planted[& noxious] iris is not being addressed. The subsequent narrowing of the waterway as well as Council-installed underwater benching in places is an increasing factor in the deterioration of safety as more users from a variety of sports add to congestion.</p>
	<p>Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?</p> <p>Christchurch needs an flatwater aquatic facility that can be used on a daily basis by our school, club, masters and high performance rowers. We are regarded as a top rowing province & we are proud that our media, citizens & even councillors are happy to share in the accolades our success brings. It would be marvellous if rowers in Christchurch were able to reach their potential without moving to the North Island to properly pursue excellence. We need this facility for safety, the ability to train on a daily basis & to put Christchurch at the top of the performance tree in a host of water sports.</p>

Nineteen out of forty two New Zealand school rowing titles were won by our schools this season. 45% of the titles by 16% of the rowers, they deserve a safe facility to build on this impressive record. Sport Canterbury Summer Sport awards 2006, top Junior Team Christ's College eight Top senior team. Canaviron coxed four, this crew has to train in the North Island year round!!!