

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:	<p>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</p> <p>I believe the proposed closing of suburban pools, especially Edgeware Pool, is a ridiculous idea with few benefits for the community. Edgeware Pool is an essential facility in the area, a favourite place where my friends and I, along with many other people, spend our summers, and we have cherished memories of our time there. Closing it, saving a mere \$130,000, would take away the last pool available in the area, after the closing of Papanui Pool. The opening of a new aquatic facility will not replace Edgeware Pool. We already have several indoor pool complexes in Christchurch, and we do not need another. In summer, we do not want to go indoors, we like to enjoy the environment at our local outdoor pool. Surely one of the council's aims is to promote the great outdoors?</p> <p>Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)</p> <p>Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?</p> <p>Many young people who regularly visit Edgeware Pool might become involved in other, more undesirable activities if it is shut down. Edgeware is a crucial aspect of the community, and if it closes, where are they going to go? Also, nearby shops benefit greatly from the business of those who frequent Edgeware. As no refreshments are available at the pool itself, everyday many people go down to the supermarket or petrol station, and I have no doubt that if Edgeware is closed, these businesses would suffer as a result. If lack of money is the reason for the proposed closing, I am sure visitors would not mind paying a higher admission. The current one is very cheap, but I know that they would accept fee increases if it meant Edgeware Pool could stay open. We do not want to take a bus to go swim at a crowded and noisy indoor pool on a beautiful, 30 degree day. We love walking the five minutes down to edgeware, relaxing on the grass, enjoying the sunshine and socializing with friends. Please do not take this away from us.</p>