

# 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

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

DECISION SOUGHT

Council recommit to the Biodiversity Strategy and adequately fund actions that have been identified as essential to the future of Christchurch City's indigenous biodiversity.

Much has been achieved over the past 10 years or so to restore and raise the profile of the City's biodiversity, but unless the commitment to biodiversity protection and enhancement is reconfirmed, as part of the LTCCP, many of these gains could be lost.

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

PARKS AND RESERVES

One of the most critically endangered natural environments in lowland Canterbury that needs protection through purchase of leases and appropriate dedicated management is the Mcleans Island to Halkett dry plains grassland and savannah woodlands. In conjunction with ECan, it is requested that earlier plans to properly protect this unique and threatened ecosystem be actioned.

Amalgamation with Banks Peninsula provides new opportunities to protect and manage examples of other significant ecosystems and the biodiversity they support, for example Lake Ellesmere shore line wetlands that lie within old BPDC reserve leasehold farmland.

Amalgamation also provides opportunity to acquire new parks and reserves for biodiversity protection and recreation. Areas such as the dry native shrublands near Birdlings Flat are priorities.

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

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

**URBAN 'MAINLAND ISLAND' RESERVES**

Christchurch should look to emulate the success of Karori Wildlife Sanctuary in Wellington by establishing predator-free mainland island biodiversity conservation areas. Geographically, Southshore Spit and/or Brooklands Spit would lend themselves to such a project, and could provide undisturbed roosting and nesting habitat for the large numbers of native and migratory birds that utilise these estuaries.