

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:
Full Version of the LTCCP

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I also want to respond to:

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Your Submission:	<p>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</p> <p>On page 79 of the draft LTCCP, CCC include development of a flat water facility called Lake Isaac as a "Project outside the criteria for inclusion in the LTCCP". The ranking they have given Lake Isaac is "1" for both "Strategic Fit/Assessed Priority" and for "Level of Service Gap".</p> <p>I would like to refer Councillors towards the 2004 Annual Plan in which a flat water facility was ranked as number one priority for the sporting community.</p> <p>The reason for this is obvious when observing the existing condition of Kerrs Reach. Council are already aware of the issues surrounding this stretch of the Avon River. Overcrowding, poor hygiene levels and weed cause all sorts of complications and danger for watersport enthusiasts. This ultimately means Kerrs Reach falls well below the international standard for a flat water facility.</p> <p>With the successes of New Zealanders in watersports at International events, popularity of participation has increased. School rowing has become more than competition, it is a social sport for them... and parents alike! As a community that encourages our people to "Push Play", we need the facilities to ensure they retain their interest and increase their skill.</p> <p>To excel in any sport or discipline, hours of practice are required. Hours of practice demand adequate facilities. Travelling a distance to reach these facilities, e.g Ashburton or Twizel, is not acceptable. Instead of nurturing our athletes within Christchurch, they are forced to relocate to other areas.</p> <p>The Council understood the reasons for ranking Lake Isaac number one priority, so the question remaining is why funding has dropped and given the priority of "1" within the draft LTCCP.</p> <p>Increased risk of Birdstrike is a justifiable reason for a halt to construction of another body of water close to the airport. There is a duty of Christchurch Airport to ensure the safety of passengers on all aircrafts. This is a duty assumed by each paying passenger of their carrier, who in turn rely on Christchurch Airport.</p>

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

It is envisaged by CIAL that with another body of water in the vicinity of the airport, there is more risk a bird will fly towards it and cause obstruction to a passing plane. The risk of birdstrike already exists with Lake Roto Kahatu, Clearwater and the Waimakariri in close proximity.

The revised location of Lake Isaac is now 4km away from the first proposal and Council have this in depth. Lake Isaac now runs parallel to the Waimakariri river (already a bird nesting site). It is apparent the risk is already there. A previous birdstrike report on the construction of Lake Isaac has referred to this risk reducing... if all parties work together to ensure there is a birdstrike mitigation plan in place and closely adhered to. Why would you not want to work together to reduce the risk?

From previous reports on meetings held between the Lake Isaac Trust, CCC and CIAL, it appears CIAL are running the show. They advise they have commissioned yet another birdstrike report, without review of the brief by CCC or the Lake Isaac Trust!!!

City Councillors, you know the desperate need for a flat water facility, it REMAINS number one priority. please have an ownership of the future for the city of Christchurch. Please don't let other people dictate the use of land that is not their own, without first doing an investigation on the plausibility of their claim.

If their claim is considered valid after full consultation, then sobeit.

Satisfy yourself that you are letting go of this magnificent opportunity for the people of Christchurch for the right reasons, and with the proper evidence.

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?