

# 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:**  
On behalf of a group or organisation

**Number of people you represent:**  
800

**My submission refers to:**  
Full Version of the LTCCP

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**Your Submission:**

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

See below

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

Community Support:

I represent the Spreydon Baptist Community Ministries as a whole. These ministries (18 entities) provide over 40 services, mainly to our local community, but with some extending to most of the city. They are involved in helping those unwell, lonely or in need with practical help, friendship, and referrals to other groups. Over 200 staff are involved, unleashing almost 600 volunteers serving thousands of people from mothers & babies, through children and youth to adults and the elderly, mainly in our community but some throughout Christchurch.

. Community Board concept - We have found the concept of community boards to be a huge step forward in really helping local communities. The Board, and it's staff really get to know their community, what it's needs are and who is making a difference. We strongly advocate for the retention of the Board in the future.

. Community Development Workers - these workers have been invaluable over recent years right through to Ingrid at present. They know the needs, encourage both new and existing groups, and are proactive in helping access resources. They build up a relationship and help to make the tough side of community work a little easier. Again, we would strongly advocate for retention of these workers in the future.

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

. Community Grants (pages 98 & 101) - Many of our community groups are either smaller, and do not need funding, or are larger & fully funded by Government. However a group in between cannot survive without regular funding. The CCC Community Grants have been vital in ensuring the continuity of the work helping those in need. It has been one of the few sources of funds where our groups know their work is understood and appreciated. In addition there have been times where emergency help has been needed to get a group over a time when funds were stretched & that could have resulted in their demise - again there has been understanding and sometimes a willingness to help to get them through. We strongly support the continuance of the CCC Community grants but would ask that at minimum they be increased by inflation each year otherwise it is effectively reducing the help to do the same amount of work and new groups that start up from time to time further dilute the funds available. The needs are growing as reflected in youth crime, domestic violence and education difficulties and at the level our groups work, the needs just have to be met. The Community Grants effectiveness is multiplied through our access to large numbers of committed volunteers including trustees, through to teenage leaders.

. Where do I suggest the funds come from? - While we have no detailed knowledge of city transport, we would feel that the allocation of M\$59.5 for a New Bus Exchange in this year's capital works (page 71) could be better utilised elsewhere. This probably should be funded from within the bus transport system out of rates & urban transport subsidies.

Democracy & Governance - As mentioned above, we strongly advocate for the retention of the Community Board concept, with it's board members and staff who know their areas, what the needs are, and who is helping effectively in their area.

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