

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

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:
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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>The structure of the Community Plan provides an excellent framework for applying the principles of Health Impact Assessment processes, as well as integration of social epidemiological factors which will influence it's success in acheiving the commitment to making sure "Christchurch is a great place to live".</p> <p>Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)</p> <p>The stated activity relating to community support which aims to develop "strong and inclusive communities and opportunities to meet & socialise", relates to an attached proposal which I invite Council to consider.</p> <p>It is based on the premise that to be strong, people need to have at least the physical basics of life, an equitable share of social & economic resources, physical, psychological and spiritual health, a sense of belonging, be well informed and encouragement to set realistic life goals. The Draft Plan reflects those factors at a city level and my proposal applies them to people as the citizens of the Aranui suburb and in turn, as integral building blocks of the population of greater Christchurch.</p> <p>The proposal relates well to the Council's provision of "facilities to meet community needs", "strengthening communities to take responsibility for themselves" and "recognising the needs of target groups".</p> <p>As a neighbourhood based initiative, with Council support, it will convey the message that Aranui residents are considered and valued. It also has the potential to be a catalyst for city-wide recognition of the real social disparities which all Christchurch residents, as individuals, businesses, benefactors and government agencies can help reduce. The connectedness which is assumed by most is a factor which needs to be actively encouraged for disadvantaged populations.</p>

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

Working in close association with the Aranui Community Trust Incorporated Society, already supported by Council, it serves as an example of the "whole of government" approach to planning, delivery and evaluation of services. It is based on already established functional links between health, education and social development agencies. As such, it links with many of the activities outlined in the Community Plan, addressing a number of the stated outcomes. I believe the proposed initiative is an opportunity to foster greater social inclusion, not always seen in many facets of life in Christchurch. Future application of the model could have benefits for our increasingly diverse population.

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

The needs analysis of the proposal, derived from a community development model, reflects the significant demographic differences of Aranui and Christchurch City. These include the age, ethnicity, socio-economic, and educational achievement data, which inevitably impact on a citizen's involvement with Council's "decision making processes", their ability to "stand on their own feet" and "participate in leisure activities" (page 97 full version). My proposal suggests a way for Council to respond, which is different, to that which can be relied on for those who fit the proud description, in the Community Plan, of "Christchurch today". Supporting material will be forwarded, as background to my hearing submission.