

Our Community Plan Submission Form

Instructions

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission:

By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freeport 178
Our Community Plan
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8003

By email

Please email your submission to:
ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz
Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at
<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>
Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on our draft Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered
OR
 I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

My submission refers to: Full version Page No. Summary version Page No.

Do you also want to respond to: Development Contributions Aquatic Facilities Other

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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views

Questions

See list of major projects in the summary document

① Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Community Plan? page number

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② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number

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③ Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number

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Submission #:

Referred to:

Date referred:

Date required:

Heard: Yes No

You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.

THIS SUBMISSION SUPERCEEDS AN EARLIER VERSION
A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED.

Mr Mayor, Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you in the matter of the Long Term Council Community Plan. My observations will be limited to the matter of libraries.

1. The monetary amounts saved are tiny in the overall picture of City rates. A very minor reduction from the budget for an Essential Project would easily fund continuing support of all libraries.
2. There is considerable population growth in the northern parts of the city which will be severely affected by the proposed loss of local facilities and would be scarcely mitigated by libraries at Papanui and Shirley where access is inconvenient and difficult,
3. It seems anomalous that closures are proposed following hard on the heels of extensive and expensive actions at Parklands, Riccarton and City South leading to the supposition that some areas of Christchurch are more deserving than others.
4. It is likely that closure of the indicated libraries would have an effect on other services and commercial activities in those areas. Patrons who would normally conduct other business in the "library area" will, when faced with seeking books and associated services elsewhere, find it convenient to pursue other matters near their source of books. For example, residents of Belfast may find it more suitable to patronise the Kaiapoi library, which, like the businesses in that town, is not a contributor to Christchurch City.

5. Two documents – “Strategic directions for the Canterbury Public Library 1997-2007 “ and “Strategic directions for Christchurch City libraries 2002-2007” offer many commendable objectives of which one will serve as an example. “ Values – equity access and opportunity for all” While acknowledging the extensive provision of modern technology and wide ranging resources the potential abandonment of, for example, Redwood library will seriously disadvantage several sectors of the community. Those who, because of disability, lack of personal transport or the necessity to manage the young and infirm, will face considerable obstacles in obtaining access to the abundance of resources offered.

Intellectual capital may be available but **NOT ALWAYS WHERE IT IS USEFUL.**

The claim that Christchurch provides wide-ranging cultural and educational opportunities is certainly justified but please do not lessen the convenience of access for all of us by implementing the miniscule economies which may be achieved in removing local libraries.

Without pursuing the matters of large ticket items in the City budget and the justification or otherwise of implementing those it is vital that our city does not build empires to the detriment of our cultural wellbeing nor that commercial entities are deprived of significant alliances.

PLEASE LET US KEEP OUR LIBRARIES.

Graham M. Thompson

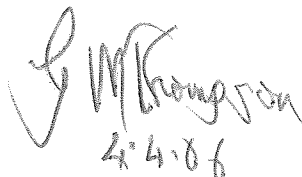
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