

# 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:** Development Contributions - Aquatic Facilities

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

I do not support the proposed closing of the Redwood & Bishopdale Libraries. Libraries represent more than a place to borrow books etc. To me the Redwood Library is a centre of the community it enables me to find out what is on in the community a place that I feel I belong to. The Libarians and my family have a history as they have watched my children grow up and know my child by name and what he is doing in his life. As a single parent I feel closed off from society in many ways and cannot participate in many things that society offers due to financial cost etc. The Library is one place that gives me a chance to better myself by reading, borrowing a video, catching up with the news by reading the newspaper etc. The Library is my main source of entertainment and I would not be able to travel to the Papanui Library due to the cost of petrol, this would make the poverty gap even bigger in my life. As a ratepayer I feel the ChCh City Council needs to take care of its residents rather than build a new tourist info centre for the Botanical Gardens. Christchurch used to be a child friendly city, but now I feel children and the elderly seem to be a nuisance in the eyes of the Councillors. Christchurch City Council seems to have lost touch with the essence of the city.

**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?**

I am a member of the Belfast Community Swimming pool committee and many years ago our family pledged money to build that pool. This area has so few amenities for young people unless you belong to the rugby club & its culture. The pool is a gathering place for young people and in this day of overweight children one again it is a necessity not a luxury. What does the ChCh City Council expect from the young people that they will just go from toddlers to adults. Once again I feel young people are a forgotten generation. Leave the Belfast Pool alone.