

# 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:

Freepost 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.

Tick one  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 <sup>reductions</sup> projects in our draft Community Plan? page number

See attached page

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

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

We further suggest that City Scene be sent out quarterly in a slightly enlarged form, which should result in even greater savings than the \$22,000 projected.

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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.

We, the members of the undersigned group, wish to register our strong opposition to the possible closure of several community libraries and the library bus, as mooted on Page 8 of the draft Community Plan Summary.

Libraries are a key lynchpin in any community, providing opportunities for learning, which is acknowledged on Page 7 of the plan as one of the Strategic Directions the Council sees as essential in building strong communities. They also provide a central meeting place for community members, are a ready source of information about what is happening in the community and last, but not least, bring the sense of knowledge, pleasure and enjoyment which come from the reading of good literature, both fiction and non-fiction.

For a city to be vibrant it needs an informed, educated population. Making libraries harder to access, particularly for the less mobile, and young families will, we believe, have a detrimental effect on our citizens.

If we wish to add to the cultural capital of our city, as is stated in Page 11, libraries need to be readily accessible and should not be closed. People may not be physically able, and sometimes cannot afford, to make the journey by bus to libraries outside their communities and will therefore be deprived of a valuable resource.

We trust the council will reconsider this matter.

p.p. Knox Presbyterian Church Fireside Group, members of the Association of Presbyterian Women.

R. M. Boothgate

Acting President.

14/4/06