

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 I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered
OR
one: 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. 8

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

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PROPOSED CLOSURE OF REDWOOD, BISHOPDALE & SPREYDON LIBRARIES:

In the introduction for the Community Plan 2006, a portion of the mayor's proposed vision states, "This City must not go backwards."

Reading through the draft summary, I feel that 'you' the council are lacking the vision of our fore - fathers, in the proposed rationalisation of our community libraries in Bishopdale, Redwood and Spreydon.

If this city is to be a better place and one that does not slip backwards, we need to retain our community libraries. Has this council bothered to find out how many people & books pass through each of these libraries, in a week or a month? These libraries are places for children to wander into after school and gather resources or just to browse. A place for the elderly, to get reading material, they may otherwise miss out on. Whether it be books, magazines, newspapers or to use the inter-net. Does it really matter how the libraries are used, as long as the facility is being well used? For many families, to know they can let the kids go on their own to the local library as it's not too far away, it's reassuring.

If the proposed closure of Bishopdale & Redwood libraries went ahead where do these library users go, PAPANUI? If this is so, does Papanui library have the infrastructure, resources and space to accommodate the increase in borrowers? How do those who are unable to travel that extra distance fare?

If we were all to choose cars wouldn't this only add to the problems of traffic congestion in and around Papanui, (which we all know is horrendous). And I suspect most people would choose the car over the bus!

Finally the saving of \$450,000.00 annually is a mere pittance, when you compare it to your projected \$4.3 million Fit – Out for the Civic Offices. Which has more **community value**, three libraries or a nice décor in the Civic Offices?

So, are you the council, to be forward thinking and retain the community libraries, which would remain the knowledge & resource hub of the communities. **OR**, will you be known as a council with no vision. One who takes us back to the days when we as a city only had one central library. When only those who were privileged enough were able to read and so make use of the library.

Elizabeth Doherty.