

Summary 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 the draft Our 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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Issue : The proposed closure of public libraries.

1. One of the stated goals and objectives within the Strategic Directions-Strong Communities (p.49 of the draft L.T.C.C. Plan) is to 'increase involvement in lifelong learning by providing resources and information through libraries and websites'.

A stated objective for Cultural and Learning Services (p.104 of the draft community plan) is to provide a library network that meets information, learning, and recreational needs. There are 14 libraries which council is already providing with books and other stock for reference and /or borrowing and providing an information service through libraries which it will continue to do in years 1 to 3, and 4 to 10.

2. The suggestion (p 8 of the summary of the community plan) that a saving of \$450,000 could be made by the closing of Bishopdale, Redwood and Spreydon Libraries and that withdrawal of the mobile library would save a further \$80,000 is obviously at odds with the stated objectives of the draft L.T.C.C plan.

I submit that reducing the number of libraries from 14 to 10 will greatly disadvantage a large section of the population of Christchurch, and is a backward move for a city that would view itself as 'going forward' to quote current corporate jargon I have heard uttered by some councillors. Projected population growth, and the steadily increasing number of senior citizens in this city would suggest the need for more rather than fewer libraries.

3. When savings obviously need to be made, I question the wisdom of producing the draft Long Term Council Community plan in such a large, glossy format which includes more than 30 full page photographs which are very nice but more appropriate to a tourism publication. Whilst council and upper echelons of management may believe that they are acting in the best interests of the ratepayers, they also need to be reminded that it is other people's money that is being used, and there is no place for aping the excessive expenditure of multi-national corporates.

Christchurch has an academic and cultural heritage of which it can be proud. Let's keep it that way : keep the libraries.

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