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To Whom It May Concern:

CLOSURE OF LIBRARIES - Summary Plan Page 8

I wish to state that, along with thousands of other people who live in Christchurch, I oppose the idea of closure of any of the Christchurch public libraries.


I live in the Bishopdale area and although I drive to that shopping centre to visit the library I would be unwilling to drive to the busy area which is home to the Papanui one. I see more and more people using motorised shopping "scooters" in the vicinity of the library and consider it would be impossible to use these to travel the greater distance to Papanui or any other library.

One reads more and more about the idea of "community" yet closing the libraries would mean taking people out of the area. If the library disappeared from Bishopdale many people would do their shopping in the area of e g Papanui, thus taking the feeling of community away; it would also reduce the income of the shop-keepers.

With the cost of fuel likely to increase people don't want to make unnecessary trips in their cars. Surely this has been taken into account?

Many of us pay extremely high Rates and feel we have a strong case for the provision of amenities.

Yours faithfully



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