

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? C. 310

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

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**Submission to the Christchurch City Council on the Draft Community Plan
From the Canterbury Workers' Educational Association (CWEA)**

CLOSURE OF LIBRARIES – Full Plan Page 86

This submission is in response to the Council's proposal to close three suburban libraries and the mobile library as a cost-saving measure.

The CWEA is opposed to any closure of public libraries and asks that this proposal be deleted from the draft community plan.

Founded in 1915 the CWEA has a long and proud record of developing adult education in Christchurch. The CWEA believes that education is a life-long process, with libraries playing an essential role in this education. As the 1965 history of the CWEA noted, the message of the WEA was: 'education for all, not for the few – for all classes and for all ages'.

Historically the primary aim of the CWEA has been to educate for enlightened democracy, and an informed community is essential for a healthy democracy.

The CWEA regards the city libraries, with their vast stores of knowledge, in both electronic and book form, as important partners in this vital work of education for democracy.

Another example of how this partnership works, is that CWEA programmes are distributed four times a year to all the suburban libraries, and are the main means by which we make our programmes available to the citizens of Christchurch.

Closure of suburban libraries will penalise against those whose needs are greatest; especially those who are not in paid employment. The sick, the elderly, the unemployed, mothers and pre-school children and those without transport, are all more likely to go to a suburban library than to a city library. As oil costs rise, having suburban libraries in easy reach for pedestrians or cyclists, will become increasingly important.

In many cases suburban libraries are adjacent to other community buildings, such as schools, community centres or to shopping centres, so that library use is tied in with other community activities, and enhances the feeling of community which is so vital to a healthy society.

Given the relatively small amount which will be saved by the proposed library closures, we urge the City Council to seek cost-saving in other areas, for example the floodlighting of the cathedral.

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