

# LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

I am completing this submission:  
For yourself

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I also want to respond to:

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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<b>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</b>
	<b>Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)</b>
	<b>Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?</b>
	As a former school teacher specialising in reading recovery I am dismayed at the proposal to close suburban libraries. Today children face many distractions such as video games, TV, cellphones/texting, etc which take them away from essential reading and learning activities. Closing libraries will only make it more difficult for many children to access books and develop a love of reading and learning. In the case of Bishopdale Library there are many schools and kindergartens in the vicinity and within walking distance. As a frequent visitor to this library,(some 2000 transactions in the past few years) I am conscious of the number of children of all ages regularly making use of this valuable resource. It is fundamentally wrong to close community facilities such as this and I urge councillors to increase community library resources rather than closing libraries which can only be seen as a retrograde step.