

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I wish to talk to the main points in my submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006.

I am completing this submission:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:
Full Version of the LTCCP

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Your Submission:

Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?

1. Sustainable development.

I suggest that the vision (p. 9) should have a statement about sustainability and sustainable development taking into consideration sustainable use of nature and environment so that there can be a sustainable society and sustainable economy.

Commentary.

The social, cultural and economics of CCC - all depend on the sustainable use of nature (good and services) and the physical environment.

I suggest therefore that the CCC should adopt actions that help to ensure sustainable development. Environmental management systems, triple bottom line reporting and other 'tools' would assist.

This is the second year of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. The LTCCP should reflect this.

2. Biological diversity.

On P. 122, I would suggest that there should be the 'biological diversity strategy'.

On P. 36. I suggest that 'biological diversity' should feature here.

Commentary.

Biological diversity is widely misunderstood.

Biological diversity is not the same thing as species or different kinds of plants and animals.

Biological diversity is an all encompassing term that includes variety in nature at all levels of biological organisation (molecular to biomes) and at all spatial scales in terms of interactions and processes (from pollination interactions to water cycles).

**Your Submission
(Cont'd):**

The reference document is the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity.

The quality of the air we breath, the water that we drink, the soil, and the landscape is all dependent on various aspects or components of biological diversity.

That being true, there needs to be protection of and sustainable use of natural ecological systems including indigenous habitats, indigenous plant communities and natural ecosystems.

Various aspects of biological diversity contribute to our health, to our well being and to the economy.

I am concerned therefore that the CCC Biological Diversity strategy does not feature as a highly important strategy.

I suggest therefore that it be included.

I suggest that a reference panel be established to assist CCC with the development of and the implementation of the CCC Biological Diversity Strategy.

By doing this, CCC would be folloiwng the example of large cities in Europe.

Reference documents should include a range of reports from the Office of the Parliamemntary Commissioner for the Environment - plus The 2005 UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity.

Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?