

LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

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Your Submission:	<p>Tena koutou:</p> <p>Attached please find my submission to the draft LTCCP. This is on behalf of Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke (Inc.) Runanga of Rapaki. We represent approximately 2,500 people. Yes, I would like to speak to the submission at the hearings.</p> <p>My name is Donald Couch. I am a member of the Executive of the Runanga. My contact address is Rapaki, PO Box 37, Lyttelton. Ph & fax: 328-8200.</p> <p>Heio ano Na, Donald Couch</p>

TE HAPŪ O NGĀTI WHEKE RŪNANGA RĀPAKI

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Submission to Christchurch City Council (CCC) Long Term Council Community Plan 2006 - 2016 (LTCCP).

1.0 Introduction:

1.1 This is the first formal opportunity for the residents of Rāpaki to collectively make a submission to our new Council regarding our community interests, to enter into dialogue and to seek Council's support and agreement.

1.2 On 5th May 2005, Banks Peninsula District Council (BPDC) came to Rāpaki marae for consultation on the LTCCP. A Newsletter summarizing the main points of discussion was produced. It is difficult to find any of the issues raised in that consultation being reflected in this current CCC LTCCP.

1.3 Rāpaki was also represented at the CCC consultation held in Lyttelton 27th April 2006. Some useful information was provided at that meeting especially regarding the Capital Works Programme for Banks Peninsula Ward (BPW) – which is supplementary to the 304 page published draft Plan. Some references in this submission are therefore specific to the supplementary BPW document.

1.4 It is not clear to us what the current status is of various agreements and 'understandings' Rāpaki has previously had with BPDC. To ensure that these are not lost sight of, the Rūnanga of Rāpaki, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Inc.), has agreed to make this submission to the CCC LTCCP, (approved by Executive 18th April 2006).

2.0 Topics of Concern:

The principal topics which we wish to refer to are:

2.1 Waste Water Collection and Treatment:

2.2 Water Supply

2.3 'Democracy' and Governance

2.4 Regulatory Services

2.5 Streets and Transport

2.6 Cultural:

2.7 Marae Development.

2.1. Wastewater Collection and Treatment (p.161):

2.1.1 We ask that CCC continue to provide support for LHIG (Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group) and the Waste Water Group (WWG) – presumably under annual Operating Cost.

2.1.2 The agreement (*Memorandum of Agreement dated 17 January 2000 signed by the Mayor of BPDC and the Upoko Rūnanga of Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Inc)*) we have with BPDC says that Council will study (in 2007) and consider alternate methods of disposal 3 years before the next renewal of the permit for the Governors Bay waste water discharge (due in 2010).

2.1.3 We note that in the Capital Works Programme Banks Peninsula Ward Wastewater there is an item Effluent Disposal – Harbours. \$11.498 million (unadjusted). For many years Rāpaki has supported removal of Sewage discharge into Whakaraupo / Lyttelton Harbour – with highest priorities being for Governor’s Bay and Diamond Harbour. Our ongoing membership and support of LHIG and WWG is reflective of our long-term goal to have this happen. We trust that the necessary studies and commitment to such action will take place during the coming year. We note the reference to “Capital Strategies” and would appreciate more detailed information on these.

2.2 Water Supply:

2.2.1 We note that the provision for the near 100 year old Rāpaki water reticulation system is delayed yet again – this time until 2009/11. Does this included replacement storage?

2.3 ‘Democracy’ & Governance:

2.3.1 We need more specific proposals from CCC re Tangata Whenua consultation.

2.3.2 We are somewhat bemused by the claim that “The Council has a strong working relationship with local Māori..” (p289). Even before abolition, part of the Rāpaki takiwa (especially Godley Head) was clearly within CCC, but there was no recognition of that fact. Although some individual City staff members have worked with us on mutual concerns.

2.3.3 Most authoritative sources would give the Māori proportion of the NZ population as 15% (604,110 of 3,820,749 – 2001 Census), not the 8% conjured up on page 31.

2.3.4 What is representation on the ‘Māori Liaison Sub-Committee’ referred to on page 293? We note that although the Local Government Commission recommended iwi representation on the Transitional Joint Committee (No.53 p.14) neither Council chose to provide for such representation. The revised LGA was passed more than 3 years ago, surely time enough to produce some specific outcome with regard to Māori capacity and participation in the decision-making process (eg Sec 14; sec 81 (1) a, b, and c; sec 82 (2)). Surely all this does not have to wait until 2010 (page 110) before something happens.

2.3.5 Have Community Board responsibilities changed? It may be that a number of these items could be discussed with the Community Board.

2. 4. Regulatory Services

2.4.1 The new City is 80% Rural, the 'old' City was 80% Urban (p36).

Will this extensive rural area with different needs be acknowledged and provided for in City services? Eg outside burning, under conditions, away from the urban temperature inversions. (pp144-145).

2.4.2 BPDC responded to difficulties in providing residential opportunities on multiple-owned land by establishing special Papakainga zoning for Rāpaki (and Koukourarata / Port Levy). Is it confirmed that Papakainga zoning will be retained?

2.5. Streets and Transport

2.5.1 Previously Rāpaki has been in constant contact with Council on a range of issues in this category. These include: traffic signage; speed limits; footpaths, crosswalk at bus stop. Given the macro-nature of most of the LTCCP, where can we be assured that ongoing community infrastructure issues such as these will be considered?

2.5.2 Of particular concern is the need to extend the very limited footpath in Rāpaki. Is there such provision within the Banks Peninsula Ward Capital Works Non-Subsidised Roothing - Footpaths etc \$2.4million Reference 04 LTCCP? Or Footpaths \$480,000?

2.6. Cultural:

2.6.1 Gallipoli Wharf, This is the Rāpaki War Memorial (4 men from Rāpaki served at Gallipoli). . Extended discussions have been ongoing with BPDC with the goal of transferring the wharf to Rāpaki. CCC's intent?

2.7 Marae Development.

2.7.1 There will be a separate submission on this issue involving re-development of the Rāpaki marae.

3.0 Summary:

3.1.1 Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke on behalf of the residents of Rāpaki, appreciates the opportunity to make this submission and looks forward to discussing selected aspects at the appropriate time.

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