

# 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:

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Your Submission:

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

With several New Zealand airports being close to water, I cannot understand why the Christchurch City Council and Airport officials are using birdstrike as an excuse at present to stop an International standard watersports lake behind the airport.

The South Island at present do not have a state of the art lake that would be able to accomodate rowers, kayakers and dragonboaters to name a few.

I wish to put forward my opinion from a rowers point of view.

Kerrs Reach is not an acceptable venue for rowing to take place. We already have been told by Environment Canterbury that the water quality is not at an adequate level. If this is the case please remember rowers tip out! Putting them at risk-even if only minimal-for water-bourne disease. I have been involved in rowing for several years both as a participant and more recently as a coach. over this time I have watched the sport grow considerably both at school level and club. We have also recently seen the introduction of the Southern Regional Performance Centre-the Ratas-these are the top rowers in the Canterbury/Otago region, unfortunately we are losing them to the North because of our lack of facilities. Storage space is limited not to mention river space-I would encourage any council members to come down to Kerrs Reach at 5pm on a Wednesday to see the potential carnage that could happen.

As a coach my biggest concern is the safety of my rowers both on and off the water. When putting the boats into the water they must enter on stones. This is often littered with glass, wire and at the worst condoms either on the bank or floating by in the river. This is disgusting to say the least and the wire and glass can of course cause injury.

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

Overall, a new Lake-Lake Isaac- would be a fantastic place for rowers(and of course kayakers,dragonboaters and triathletes)to use to better themselves. This would also be beneficial to this council money wise for national and international events bringing lots of money to our region. I encourage the Council to rethink a watersports facility and to come speak to rowers and kayakers during peak times and quieter times as you will see for yourself what our dilemma is. Rowing is a growing sport that could bring a lot of money to Christchurch.

**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?**

If possible could I please make my submission in the last week of May.  
Thanks