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	Number of people you represent:
My submission refers to: Full Version of the LTCCP	Page Number:

I also want to respond to:

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Your Submission:	Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?
	I do not think Christchurch needs a new leisure centre at a cost of \$12.5 million. We are well served already with an abundance of leisure facilities. I do not think we should be spending \$11.1 million on an upgrade of the
	Botanic Gardens. They are fine just the way they are and I don't believe ratepayers should be facing a significant rates increase to fund these projects. I am also extremely angry that the Council has seen fit to spend many thousands of dollars on improvements to their civic building, whilst they are also planning to build a brand new Civic Building. This is squandering of ratepayers money in the extreme.
	Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)
	I believe that places like the Art Gallery should charge tourists an entry fee (but not the local ratepayers). I do not see why ratepayers should be subsidising tourists to see our Art Gallery and similar attractions. I have travelled overseas extensively and know that most other countries charge tourists for entry to attractions like these. It is expected.
	Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?
	I would k like to see the Council concentrate on the basic services for Christchurch, and not be looking for projects to spend huge amounts of money they do not have. Set your sights a little lower and be realistic. People do not want to have their rates continually going up every year beyond the rate of inflation.