

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:
On behalf of a group or organisation

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Your Submission:

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

The motivation and determination of Lake Isaac Watersports Park (LIWP) remains undiminished despite the frustrations of the last 5 years. In our view the Airport's birdstrike objection is extreme. We have provided rationale to support this view to The Mayor, along with a proposal to have the issue fairly and independently assessed.

We were extremely disappointed with the consultation process, the removal of funding and the low ranking for the project in the draft LTCCP, given that it was top ranked in previous years. The need for a new facility has not gone away.

We wish to remind Councillors that;

1. The upgrade proposed by CCC for Kerr's Reach will not solve the problems faced by sporting and recreational users on the Avon River.
2. A safe and accessible venue is desperately needed to allow all Christchurch residents the opportunity to participate in passive water sport and recreation.
3. Neither Kerr's Reach nor Lyttelton Harbour are safe and accessible venues. Similarly the use of unclosed public roads is not conducive to hosting triathlons, bike and athletic events.
4. The Central Plains Water Trust's proposal for a recreational lake at Coalgate does not meet the City's need. It is remote and incapable of hosting major events. It will be open for recreational powerboats and therefore conflict with the requirements for passive use.
5. The new location proposed for Lake Isaac is parallel to and within 200 metres of the Waimakariri River. It is over 4 kilometres from Christchurch Airport, and complies with international bird strike guidelines for development in the vicinity of airports.
6. Lake Isaac will be a safe, accessible and environmentally friendly facility within the City boundaries.
7. Twenty five passive sports and recreational activities will be catered for, from beginner through to high performance athletes.
8. Lake Isaac is the only site in Canterbury capable of development to host a major international passive water sport event.

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

9. LIWP has proposed an independently facilitated forum where bird experts advising LIWP, and from CCC and Christchurch Airport, can assess how Lake Isaac could be constructed and operated without increasing bird strike risk at the airport.

In summary, CCC has a Recreation & Sport Policy and a Major Sports Facilities Plan that has a flat water facility as the No 1 priority for the City. Lake Isaac is the only option, and the opportunity made possible by Lady Isaac must be developed.

We therefore request all Councillors to support LIWP's proposal to fairly resolve the birdstrike issue, and overcome the Airport Company's objection without recourse to the Environment Court.

Lake Isaac Watersports Park firmly believes that through working together the facility can be developed and operated safely without increasing birdstrike risk.

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?