

Submission to the draft LTCCP

“Have Your Say” - why bother? Our scorecard for CCC effort is;

- Planning 0/10
- Decision-making 0/10
- Accountability 0/10

For the last six years LIWP has promoted a flat water facility for Christchurch, only to see this slip from top priority to total exclusion from the LTCCP.

Why? The Mayor says it is too hard. The Council has succumbed to the airport company's untested report. In the face of compelling evidence to the contrary, this is nothing short of a cop-out! Why not have an independent review of the facts?

The City has thus far declined an opportunity with Lake Isaac that would breathe life back into the town. Instead we “encourage” our kids into a polluted, congested and unsafe “ditch”. When they succeed they are lured away by others to train elsewhere.

Flat water facilities are now being planned in Auckland, Napier and Nelson. We could have been first, instead we are nowhere.

Visitor Strategy ?

Of course we support a Visitor Strategy, if it is backed up with the infrastructure - Why would visitors want to come to Kerr's Reach?

It has been shown that Lake Isaac has potential to make a huge contribution across 22 identified sports and recreation activities. The 2010 World Rowing Championship would have come to Christchurch, instead it will be held at Lake Karapiro. This loss has cost the city in the order of \$100 million economic impact. The business plan for Lake Isaac is much more convincing than replacing a grandstand or building another swimming pool.

Open your eyes. Support Lake Isaac. It can be done!

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