

2007/08 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 11 May 2007

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

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On behalf of a group or organisation

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Your Submission:

PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your 2007/08 Annual Plan.

Environment Canterbury values the partnership between our two organisations in the delivery of passenger transport. Our submission is one of support for the work that you are undertaking in this area.

Environment Canterbury urges the Christchurch City Council to continue its work in the area of providing for a larger central city bus exchange and the creation of high quality suburban interchanges. These facilities are recognised as making a significant positive contribution to the overall passenger transport experience.

We also urge you, especially in the light of recent congestion statistics, to have fortitude in the delivery of bus priority across the city. We recognise that this is not an easy task but cannot stress enough the importance of this in securing faster, more reliable bus travel times - something that is essential if our bus system is to continue to grow.

Please be assured that Environment Canterbury will continue to work with your Council on these matters and of our ongoing support as we jointly work toward delivering the goals of the Metro Strategy 2006-2012.

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We seek that Christchurch City Council commence Stage II of the process of identifying "significant natural areas" on Banks Peninsula (2007-08 financial year) generally as outlined in the Ecology Study, Stage I, Boffa Miskell, February 2007. Environment Canterbury is prepared to provide some technical assistance to the City in the tasks of desktop identification of potential significant sites and a pilot study to ground truth sites.