

# Draft Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2009-19 Submission Form

## PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR SUBMISSION

The public consultation period is from Tuesday 10 March 2009 to Thursday 16 April 2009.

It will help us if you clearly:

- state the issue you want the Council to consider;
- state what specific action you think the Council should take, and
- state why that should be done.
- type or use black ink for your submission.

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*No anonymous submissions will be accepted. Whether you use this form or not, you must provide your full name, address and telephone number. If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation please state this and your role within that organisation.*

You may send us your submission:

### On the internet:

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's website at [www.ccc.govt.nz/ltccp](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/ltccp)

### By email:

[ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz)

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

### By mail:

(no stamp is required) to:  
Freepost 178  
Draft LTCCP  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 237  
Christchurch 8140

*Submissions must be received (NOT postmarked) at the Tuam Street Civic Offices no later than 5pm on Thursday 16 April 2009. To ensure receipt, hand deliver last-minute submissions to the Civic Offices, 163-173 Tuam Street.*

## Your submission

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. If that is the case, please tick the appropriate box below. The hearings will be held from 11 May 2009 to 18 May 2009. Five to ten minutes will be allocated for speaking to your submission, including time for questions from the Councillors. The Council will confirm the date and time of your hearing in writing, by email or by telephone call.

Tick  I do NOT wish to discuss my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered  
one  OR  
 I wish to discuss the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

Are you completing this submission:  For yourself  On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

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## **SUBMISSIONS on the CCC's draft LTCCP 2009-2019**

My name is W P Studholme. I am a botanist and forester and have spent my working life as a champion of practical biodiversity. I have owned property on Banks Peninsula for the last 36 years and have lived at Charteris Bay for the last eight years.

I wish to make two submissions on the draft LTCCP 2009-2019:

### **1 Charteris Bay Water and Wastewater Scheme (CBW&WS):**

- a. I congratulate councillors and staff for developing a plan which, in its totality, paints a very comprehensive and well proportioned picture of the greater City of Christchurch. It provides a model which will be a useful basis for any further local authority rationalisation.
- b. However, some doubt must be cast on the credibility of the whole LTCCP process when a project, which formed part of the 2006-2009 plan, and which had already been started in 2008, can have been removed from the draft LTCCP for the next 10 years.
- c. I refer to the Charteris Bay Water & Wastewater Scheme (CBW&WS) which had begun in 2008 (pre-design and surveying), was timetabled for construction to commence in July 2009 and was to be commissioned in June 2010. That this project can have been relegated to a mere unfunded capital programme in the draft LTCCP 2009-2019 makes me question the integrity of the whole LTCCP process since the CBW&WS was
  - given high priority at the time of the amalgamation of BPDC and the CCC and was
  - widely advertised in the media, on the CCC's website, on a public noticeboard in Traffic Cops Bay (Charteris Bay) and at public meetings as being scheduled for completion in 2010.
- d. I support the Charteris Bay Residents Association's submission that the CBW&WS be reinstated in the LTCCP for completion in 2010 because:
  - There is an undoubted need to extend the Church Bay scheme to provide a safe and hygienic system for the residents of Charteris Bay.
  - There are health issues with the present water and sewerage arrangements.
  - It is culturally insensitive to leak sewerage into Lyttelton Harbour.
  - There has been an expectation built up by Council that the scheme will be completed in 2010.
  - Relying on the CCC's published timetable, residents have deferred maintenance or replacement of outdated systems.

**The remedy that I seek is the immediate reinstatement of the CBW&WS for completion as promised in 2010.**

## 2 Proposed purchase of Te Oka Farm:

The draft LCTTP 2009-2019 proposes expenditure of \$3.3 million on the purchase of Te Oka farm for development as a regional park.

I have serious misgivings about such a purchase for the following reasons:

- a. Does Te Oka have such a special biodiversity that its purchase is warranted?
- b. Will it be accessible and suitable for recreational purposes? The access road is of poor quality and will limit those able or wanting to visit Te Oka. For its public recreational potential to be realised it will be a costly exercise to upgrade the access road.
- c. There will be substantial ongoing costs to create a park such as
  - the provision of internal tracks and facilities to enable Te Oka farm to function effectively as a regional park
  - pest and weed control will need to be undertaken
- d. Until the farm can be developed for recreational use, there will be substantial costs in maintaining it. During its ownership by the Selwyn Plantation Board the farm ran at a loss. Funding for reserves is always limited. If the farm runs at a loss this will put funding for other council reserves in jeopardy or will further restrict their budgets.
- e. There are established planning devices available which would enable the Council to ensure the conservation of areas of special biodiversity without the need to purchase Te Oka farm.
- f. It must be questioned whether creating more parks/reserves is the most prudent way to spend the CCC's limited budget. There are regional parks within the City boundaries (eg, Orton Bradley Park) where funds are limited which, if given greater financial support from the CCC, would provide more accessible and more easily managed shore to hilltop biological diversity which appears to be one of the main reasons for the Te Oka purchase.
- g. Nor does it seem to me that this is a unique opportunity for the CCC to purchase Te Oka farm. It is owned by the Selwyn Plantation Board Ltd, a Council controlled company, and has been on the market now for several years. The CCC is a beneficial owner of 39% of the Selwyn Plantation Board Ltd. Therefore, without spending any further ratepayer funds it already has a substantial ownership of the farm.

I urge the council to desist from expanding its reserves further by the purchase of Te Oka farm and instead to increase funding to maintain and improve those parks/reserves it already has. To purchase Te Oka farm will be seen by the ratepayers as nothing more than a device to bail out a failing company in which the CCC is already a 39% shareholder.

I do not wish to be heard on these submissions.

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14 April 2009