

Submission to 2009 Draft LTCCP from
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I wish to heard in support of this submission.

I submit that funding for a “Wide Sense Risk, Reviewing and Co-ordination Management Facilitation Platform (WSRRCP)” be investigated.

This position would be funded by savings it brings about in other budgets.

From the Local Government Act:

“Subpart 1—Purpose of local government

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The purpose of local government is—

- (a) to enable democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities, in the present and for the future.

Part 2 s 15 **Local Government Act 2002**

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- (g) a local authority should ensure prudent stewardship and the efficient and effective use of its resources in the interests of its district or region; and
- (h) in taking a sustainable development approach, a local authority should take into account—
 - (i) the social, economic, and cultural wellbeing of people and communities; and
 - (ii) the need to maintain and enhance the quality of the environment; and
 - (iii) the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations.”

Even for council-controlled organisations:

“59 Principal objective of councilcontrolled organisation

(1) The principal objective of a council controlled organisation is

to—

- (a) achieve the objectives of its shareholders, both commercial and noncommercial, as specified in the statement

of intent; and

(b) be a good employer; and

(c) exhibit a sense of social and environmental responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which it operates and by endeavouring to accommodate or encourage these when able to do so;"

The objectives overlap with those of district health boards and central government.

In the 2004 draft LTCCP process:

"6 May 2004

**Comments to Christchurch City Council on the LTCCP
From Canterbury District Health Board, Planning and Funding
Section.**

Working together

Canterbury District Health Board is a key partner with local government in developing and maintaining healthy communities.

Canterbury DHB's Core Directions 2002-2007 include actively working with a range of intersectoral agencies towards improving the health of the people of Canterbury.

The top health gain priority areas for Canterbury DHB are:

- Child and Youth health
- Primary Health
- Maori Health
- Mental Health
- Disease Prevention and Management:

Cardiovascular Disease

Diabetes

Cancer

The DHB must work with the Christchurch City Council, and others, in order to achieve gains in these areas, because the health status of a community is determined by such a wide range of factors.

Employment, income, housing, and education are critical determinants of the health of communities, and the LTCCP should take into account the role the Council will play in contributing in a positive manner to these determinants.

Canterbury DHB has developed short and long-term goals for all our health gain priority areas."

So the WSRRCPP would review how effective CCC actions have been.

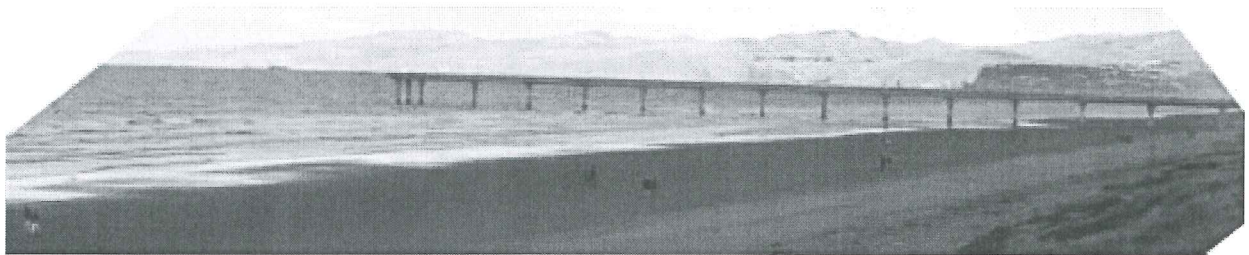
CCC tends, in my view, to work with physical facilities sometimes at the expense of checking whether they are being used.

I appreciate Burwood Pegasus Community Board Member Tim Sintes' intention, via his position as Chair of the Pier and Foreshore organisation, to increase use of the Pier. Council gave/gives a lot of money to assist with the Pier. How effective is it?

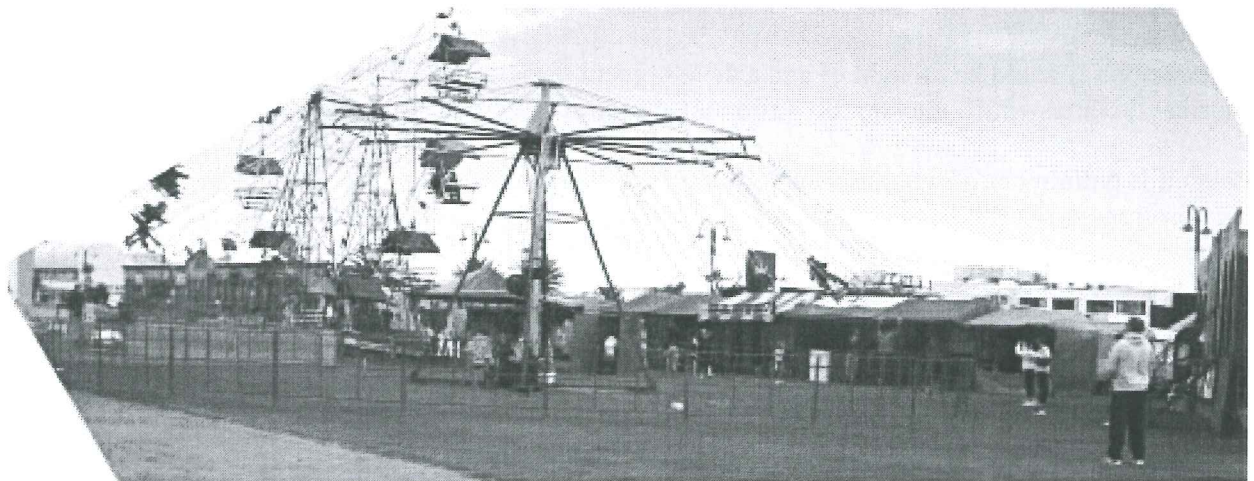
Photos taken between 2.40 and 3.00pm on Easter Monday:



Many walkers on North Brighton Beach.



Nearly as many walkers on free Brighton Beach as on Pier which was expensive to build.



Few using Easter Fair at Brighton

So having money involved is not going to be the only way of achieving the LGA objectives. The WSRRCP would review that matter.

CCC tries to employ businesses with projects but needs to review whether that is the best way of

achieving its overall required goals.

So Funding of the new umbrella sports facility for Brighton may not be as valuable as spending the money trying to get the existing facilities, that is the playing fields, and walking environment, better used. In my walks in Rawhiti I see the most people using the athletics track and the the upper rugby field playing touch rugby, even more especially if a school is managing the process. The new club would not be used by the touch rugby players. The rugby club Captain says there would still be the shed on land leased from CCC by the existing rugby club. They would stay on the upper field and cricket would have the lower field near the new club in summer when the touch rugby season is. Last I heard Athletics were keen to keep their rooms near their track.

First the Pier was supposed to enliven New Brighton, then the Slow Road. How effective have dollars spent been, compared to other ways of spending the money? How effective would be promoting the varied intensity exercise undulating dune-top walk?

The real facilities are the playing fields, and the biggest users are the touch rugby who don't use clubrooms much, and will be far from the new rooms. Also the athletics, likewise.

Activities which could be developed in Brighton and surrounding area.

Rowing, yachting, swimming, land yachting, wind surfing, fishing, community gardening, walking undulating dune tops for varied intensity exercise, community kitchen, community workshop, kites, archery, golf, rugby, cricket, use of children's playgrounds, tree-climbing rope courses (Sth Brighton), brass band, first aid, civil defence, park-care, defensive driving – defensive cycling, walking, promotion of friendly boarding for language school students, pet-care, bird watching, ecology club, tree planting in private gardens and parks – future thinking, recycling exchange, hockey, tennis, quiet clubs – chess, cards, community singing – ukuleles, computer games, extend computer facilities, activities & sport management college, gymnastics, yoga, martial arts, conversation club, Local Government involvement, nutrition club – good to see Bin Inn running gluten free evening.

Other activities could be thought of and a development package be worked out instead of new physical facilities which may not be sufficient attraction.

Council is pulling out of running creches because the work can be done adequately by non-Council organisations, said Bob Parker. The age groups that are not being well-cared-for are the 7 to perhaps 17-year-olds. Non-Council organisations are not adequately catering for them, especially outside school hours.

Thomson Park skateboard area is being upgraded. Will the money spent have been worth it? There must be need for funding for more events co-ordination to make use of what we have. Some portion of the budgets must be kept for that. The new dog run in Rawhiti is not getting much use.

It is a worry to me that such an important part of this LTCCP is only to form charitable trusts to avoid tax. Central Government then has less money to help New Zealanders, whether through DHBs or however, so a better means of co-operating is required. My proposed WSRRCP would need to review that. If we have to work through finance then the social, physical and psychological health capital produced by CCC needs to be quantified in money terms. It may be a parallel to carbon credits accounting.

I hope it is possible to formalise a Wide Sense Risk, Reviewing and Co-ordination Management

Facilitation Platform.

My first submission to a CCC draft annual plan many years ago, asked CCC to look at 'overlaps and boundaries'. CCC replied with the question about how well a provider organisation can also be a regulator. So then there is the possibility of shifting my proposed WSRRCF function and all regulation for Canterbury to ECAN. ECAN could in a sense become their customer they have to satisfy. Their business development sections would be something like those of medlabs for example satisfying governmental needs with their screening tests &c.

My proposed WSRRCF could examine the overlap of income taxing and property rates and decide how efficient it is having multiple revenue gatherers, and decide how to relate should central government decide on that.

Thanks from Brian Sandle.

