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SIFT Submission to Christchurch City Council's LTCCP 2009-19

- SIFT wishes to discuss the main points in our written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.
- We have completed this form on behalf of Sustainable Initiatives Fund Trust (SIFT)
- We are representing a Trust made up of 3 employees and 4 Trustees.

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Submission

CCC's Proposed Changes and Proposals	SIFT Comments and Suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To establish a Christchurch Agency for Energy to carry out initiatives outlined in the Council's Sustainable Energy Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One of SIFT's key objectives is in Sustainable Energy. SIFT would like to be participate either in the Governance or advisory capacity of the proposed Christchurch Agency for Energy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refuse Minimisation and Disposal – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ education and promotion of waste avoidance, reuse and recycling ○ programmes that encourage home composting ○ marketing/sale of compost produced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One of SIFT's key roles is to fund sustainable initiatives that will divert waste from the existing landfills. As such, the organisation has significant experience in waste education and management, research and development on waste minimisation, business development and funds management. ▪ Projects supported and funded by SIFT includes Airlite (turning waste cardboard into animal bedding); Sandihurst Winery (using crushed recycled glass bottles under vines to boost grape yields); Terra Lana (turning waste wool into insulation) to name a few, Untouched World Foundation Educational Initiatives, School Waste Diversion Projects ▪ SIFT has a waste communications strategy that promotes success stories from SIFT projects that are relevant to both households and business. SIFT is a key waste commentator on waste issues in New Zealand and is able to use this experience and knowledge in the drive to achieve a sustainable uptake on household waste diversion with CCC via the new 3 bin recycling system, waste avoidance and reuse ▪ SIFT has experience as a catalyst to promote change in the waste industry and has partnered with key stakeholders from Industry and Government both in New Zealand and Internationally ▪ SIFT also investigates the newest systems and technologies in waste minimisation through its fact-finding visits to countries such as the UK, Denmark and Germany and is able to utilise this know how to help CCC achieve waste diversion goals. ▪ SIFT would like to comment that in order for the 3-wheelie bin system to be successful (ie significant household uptake rate), there needs to be a trigger to change household residents' behaviour towards recycling and organic material composting. SIFT believes that CCC working alongside with SIFT can help deliver on these proposed services given SIFT's expertise and networks in this area (ie refuse minimisation). ▪ SIFT would also like to offer its advisory and delivery services to CCC in implementing part of

	its refuse minimisation and disposal services that relate to promotion, education and marketing of waste materials and compost.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refuse minimisation and disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commercial and industrial waste minimisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SIFT would like the opportunity to work with CCC in working with businesses to promote and encourage sustainable use of resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Change (page 23) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We note that CCC mentioned 'climate change' in its LTCCP but there is no specific programme to address this important issue.

Other Comments

We have noticed that environmental sustainability strategic framework that encompasses all aspects of the CCC programmes is missing. We do note that CCC has programmes that cover sustainable energy and sustainable business practices. However, there is no strategy or policy proposal that addresses environmental sustainability issues within the LTCCP.

If CCC wants to be truly sustainable, developing a sustainability strategy is a good start.