

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

## Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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Submissions close on 16 April 2009

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

**Are you completing this submission:**

For yourself

**If you are representing, how many people do you represent?**

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**Your Submission:**

I would like to see biodiversity and conservation initiatives represented in the LTCCP.

While the word "biodiversity" appears many times in the LTCCP, no real action is suggested to protect and enhance biodiversity beyond monitoring what is already in place.

Christchurch City can boast unique biodiversity assets that require both conservation and celebration. Many native species of flora and fauna occur here, some of which are endemic to this region (i.e., occur only in Canterbury or even only on Banks Peninsula or the only on the Port Hills and nowhere else in the world). Some of these species are rare and endangered and require protection of their habitat from invasive weeds and animal pests.

I would like to see tangible action on the Christchurch Biodiversity Strategy (2008). The Strategy has many good ideas that need to be put into real action. For example, I would like to see protection of the Canterbury Plains dry grassland areas around McLeans Island and rapid action on biosecurity threats.

I would like the Christchurch City Council to support the Erfurt Declaration on urban biodiversity and act in accordance with this declaration [http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/template/project\\_templates/LAB-bonn2008/user\\_upload/files/Urbio2008\\_ErfurtDeclaration.pdf](http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/template/project_templates/LAB-bonn2008/user_upload/files/Urbio2008_ErfurtDeclaration.pdf)

I would like the LTCCP to formally recognize the Perimeter Walkway i.e., the City Council should put in place posts to mark the Walkway and

produce information booklets, for which most of the information had already been collected by Dr. Colin Meurk, and advertise the Walkway amongst tourists and residents alike.

â?¢ I would like Christchurch city to become a member of the LAB - an international association of cities supporting Local Action for Biodiversity