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I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

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For yourself

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Your Submission:

Need for a Biosecurity Strategy Plan for Christchurch
Definition of biodiversity.

Here I am using the Biodiversity definition of the The Erfurt Declaration - 2008.

~The continued health of human societies depends upon a natural environment that is productive and contains a wide diversity of plant, animal, and microbe species.~

I think that we should consider the Erfurt Declaration statement ~The increasing urban population, climate change and loss of biodiversity are all strongly connected. With two thirds of a considerably larger world population predicted to be living in urban areas by 2050, the "Battle for life on Earth" will be lost or won in urban regions.~ for this applies to us here in Christchurch

I am specially interested in biodiversity as it applies to the area in which we live.

I am unhappy about the manner that Council has allowed in the Little Hagley Park. There seems to be no notice taken of my submission to the Hagley Park plan which highlights the problems that can arise without a strategic plan.

However, I am very pleased to see that since the last LTCCP that a greater change of attitude has been taken by the Council in the use of indigenous vegetation use in parks, river banks such as the Heathcote Princess Margaret to Opawa proposal.

Since this is a success then perhaps the Council should study the
oLondon Biodiversity Partnership which brings together organisations to
benefit wildlife and boost the capital's greenspaces.â?□ Substitute the LBP
and have it as the Christchurch Biodiversity Partnership whereby the Council
draws upon the experience of similarly minded organisations to work out a
truly effective diversity plan.

There was a nucleus of such for about past ten years in with a Little Hagley
Park organisation in which four or five adjacent schools and a group which
was basically a volunteer working organisation working together. I think the
City Council had a contract with them. Unfortunately, I am not sure what
happened to this group, but I have evidence that the Merivale Prescient led
by some red necks had the Council destroy their work.

However there are bigger issues to be considered. Take McLeans Island as
an example. I belong to the Vintage Car Club and going out there consider
that the usage of McLeans Island is great for such activities but it is most
disappointing that the Council has a not included this area as part of their
biosecurity strategy. The reason why is that has not one. However, let us
forgive them because ten years ago the concept of biodiversity was not
seriously considered outside of the scientific world.

In brief the Council should be aware of the principals enunciated in the Erfurt
Declaration

I consider that the Council should become a member of the London
Biodiversity Partnership as it is an international body it could be most
beneficial for us.

Eugene McNeill.

Sorry this is so awkward. Nearly forgot!!!!!!!

(from additional submission)

Edgware Swimming Pool

I think that there should be one