

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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

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Your Submission:

I ask the Council to include several initiatives regarding biodiversity, conservation initiatives, and alternative transport in the LTCCP. All new residential and industrial subdivisions must devote (and protect by covenant) a proportion of total land area (e.g. no less than 10% of land in one or more sizable blocks (not less than 5% per block i.e. apart from road sidings etc - this may vary on size of subdivision or adjoining subdivisions)) to native eco-sourced (from Canterbury) planting. The developer and a CCC ecologist will agree on initial planting and continued management of area (i.e. the developers must adhere to best practise to ensure establishment and maturation of the forest patch - all care and all responsibility. The goal of this is to increase native biodiversity in Christchurch by providing a series of semi-interconnected forest/wetland patches for wildlife to move between. These patches are additional to other open-green space, exotic flora or playgrounds. See the below article for Meurk CD, Hall GMJ 2006. Options for enhancing forest biodiversity across New Zealand's managed landscapes based on ecosystem modelling and spatial design. New Zealand Journal of Ecology 30(1): 131-146. Found here: http://www.newzealandecology.org/nzje/new_issues/NZJecol30_1_131.pdf AND

- As a community outcome for the Environment (p.58), the LTCCP states, that "we know we are succeeding when... Biodiversity is restored, protected and enhanced". However, the plan itself does not include ways that this may be done, except the measure of inclusion of ecological heritage sites. Instead I urge the council to take a proactive approach and include the below in the plan: * The LTCCP should include targets regarding the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy, to which the Council is a signatory. Tangible points of action should be included, for example protection of the canterbury plains dry grassland areas around McLeans Island; rapid action on biosecurity threats). The Christchurch Biodiversity Partnership should be

supported. * I ask the Council to support the Erfurt Declaration on urban biodiversity

* I urge CHCH to become a member of the LAB (an international association of cities supporting Local Action for Biodiversity) - The Perimeter Walkway should be formally recognised - The targets for alternative transport should aim to increase, rather than to maintain. Cycling should be encouraged as an alternative way of transport. It saves money, the exhaust of greenhouse gases, allocation of space to carparking etc. Rather than maintaining the 2.4% of cycling, the LTCCP target should be an increase in this figure. An increase in cycleways and safe cycle routes will be tangible ways to achieve this. Similarly, the target for public transport should be an increase in use, rather than maintaining the status quo.