

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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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:

I am writing to you specifically to seek support for biodiversity and conservation initiatives below. I see these as important for Christchurch as it is one of the most ecologically impoverished cities in the country. Biodiversity itself needs protection and enhancement, but awareness also needs to grow so people have the opportunity to understand why it is important to us all. Initiatives are as follows:

Support for a CHCH Biodiversity Partnership

Support for tangible action on the CHCH Biodiversity Strategy (eg protection of the canty plains dry grassland areas around McLeans Island; rapid action on biosecurity threats)

Support for the Erfurt Declaration on urban biodiversity

Support for formal recognition of the Perimeter Walkway

Support for CHCH becoming a member of the LAB (an international association of cities supporting Local Action for Biodiversity)

Also seeking support for enhancement of urban amenity specifically with regard to the following points:

Support for cycleways through the city, both on and off existing roads. This is very important for future energy use, and Christchurch has the best opportunity in New Zealand because it is so flat.

	<p>Creation and enhancement of pedestrian networks especially in the central city. For example, there is no walking route between central city and south city without walking on noisy, polluted roads. Traffic calming and trip reduction in this area would be a huge improvement.</p>
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