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# 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.**

<b>Are you completing this submission:</b>	On behalf of a group or organisation
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<b>If you are representing, how many people do you represent?</b>	150
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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>In support of urban biodiversity in christchurch - and contributing to international initiatives (Erfurt Declaration)[<a href="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</a>] - I seek: tangible action on the CHCH Biodiversity Strategy (eg protection and appropriate management of all remaining Canterbury plains dry grassland areas around McLeans Island; and rapid action on biosecurity threats);</p> <p>implementation of a CHCH Biodiversity Partnership (that was supported by over 100 people at a recent meeting)[cf the London Biodiversity Partnership - <a href="http://www.lbp.org.nz">www.lbp.org.nz</a>];</p> <p>implementation of the CHCH Perimeter Walkway which has received support from council over nearly 2 decades but still hasn't been formalised.</p> <p>CHCH to become a member of the LAB (an international association of cities supporting Local Action for Biodiversity).</p> <p>The reasons are: NZ faces a biodiversity meltdown. Canterbury and the plains in particular have the worst condition of biodiversity in the country. Local government, together with the community, is the only body that can take practical action on this at a large enough scale. furthermore, despite the fact that surveys show the majority of citizens actually want more biodiversity in their neighbourhoods and across the city, Council is not giving effect to this. the city has wonderful policies and strategies and plants a lot of native trees and tussocks, but still primary indigenous habitat declines and weeds spread. there needs to be a partnership arrangement between council and community to work on this challenge together. A CHCH Biodiversity Partnership is a model that has the support of most conservation groups in</p>
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	<p>the city. it would streamline the 'consultative process' and provide for a more collaborative and less adversarial approach; and provide a rapid reaction team to tackle biodiversity and biosecurity crises before they get out of hand.</p>
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