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The Christchurch City Council
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Dear Sir / Madam,

**Personal Submission by Geoffrey and Pamela Clarke at the above address on the CCC
Long Term Community Plan for 2009 - 2019.**

We are extremely concerned and feel betrayed that the Charteris Bay Water and Wastewater Scheme ("CBW&WS") which was timetabled for completion in 2010 has been put on hold, and does not even feature in the CCC's Long Term Community Plan for 2009 - 2019.

The need for a Water and Sewage Scheme

Charteris Bay is a strip development of about 160 houses, 40% of these are holiday homes and the settlement dates back to the late 1930's. We have no reticulated scheme. Sewage falls under gravity to septic tanks, and then to tile drains in heavy clay. Some have chemical toilets and a few of the newly built residents have an Oasis System.

Current trends are that holiday homes are being let to permanent residents. Septic tanks that coped with 6 weeks use per year are now not coping. The smell of raw sewage especially on Andersons Road is present now for most of the year, slime in the ditches and in the mud around the foreshore is obvious, and permanent residents knew this years ago and we begged our Councilors to help us.

Charteris Bay is in the rain shadow of Mt. Bradley. It gets 20% less rain than Diamond Harbour or Church Bay.

Our two 5000 Gal. tanks have only been full two out of the last 10 years and between November and May we have purchased between 5 and 11 truck loads of water most years. All rainwater goes for essential domestic use and none for the garden. Over the Summer we could not even fight a fire if we had to because our tanks are low.

Both the Banks Peninsula District Council and the Christchurch City Council and their officers have acknowledged verbally and in writing that the CBW&WS is needed. Banks Peninsula had completion of our reticulated Scheme on their LTDP for 2008, and Christchurch City changed this for completion in 2010. Mayor Parker, Councilor Reed and Mike Sheffield (Project Manager) all stated at our Resident's Association Meetings that the water and sewage reticulation plan was needed, and needed now. They also at these meetings took credit for their foresight and their part in the health and environmental concern for Charteris Bay. On our part when the residents saw the survey completed, and a map of the proposed scheme posted in the CCC's own notice board in the Boat ramp - Carpark in 2008, we felt that the complete Water and Sewage Scheme was "set in concrete and most certainly would be commissioned in 2010.

The disappointment that the CBW&WS is not included in the CCC Long Term Plan 2009 - 2019 has devastated the trust that residents had for Council. With the stroke of a pen the democracy and consultation that we have had on this issue over the last 10 or so years is shattered, and we are shocked and very very angry.

I therefore implore Council to take our plight seriously and to not only put the Charteris Bay Water & Sewage Scheme in the CCCLTDP 2009 - 1019 but to confirm your promise to complete the Scheme in 2010.

Yours faithfully,

G. Clarke *P. Clarke*

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28.09.07

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