

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

## Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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Submissions close on 16 April 2009

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

**Are you completing this submission:**

For yourself

**If you are representing, how many people do you represent?**

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**Your Submission:**

I would support the submission from the Charteris Bay Residents Association.

I also submit the following;

I own a property at 14 Bay View Road Charteris Bay. Over the past few years I have been advised and informed by both City Councilors and City Council employees of the impending extension of the Water and Waste Water from Church Bay to Charteris Bay. This information has been discussed at various meetings of the Charteris Bay Residents Association of which I am a member. This matter is also included in the 2006-16 Council Plan.

The time lines and proposed plan is detailed on the councils web page. Relying on this information I have had preliminary discussion and carried out planning with builders and a draftsman to make alterations to my property to enable the new services to be utilised. While this has not had any cost to me at this time the understanding is that the work so far undertaken will be compensated for when the work is completed.

At this time my septic tank works sufficiently well. However it is an older system and I do not know how long it will work for.

I rely on rain water for all of my needs at this property. During dry periods there is not enough water for general hygiene at this house. I do not have suitable access for tanker supply and during these times have to transport water from home for use.

I am becoming concerned that the council can alter the existing plan for the water and waste water extension without full consultation with residents and affected parties. I have relied upon the assurances and the information supplied by the council to ensure that I will have safe and hygienic water systems in place as soon as possible.

I think that the council should place the extension of the water and waste water from Church Bay to Charteris Bay back on the LTCCP 2009-19 for completion on the same time frames as at present. That is completion in 2010.

**I wish to submit more reasons** why the Charteris Bay Water and Waste water extension should be placed on back on the LTCCP 2009-19 and subject to the current time lines.

I have a property situated at 14 Bayview Road in Charteris Bay. I am and have been a professional firefighter in the Christchurch Fire District for 37 years. I have served at all of the paid fire stations in Christchurch during that time and especially at Woolston and Addington stations. I mention these stations as they are the stations that cover the Port Hills on the city side. The terrain and the foliage on these hills is very similar to that on the northern slopes of the hills at Charteris Bay. However because of the proximity of the Port Hills to the city, there is far more dwelling houses on this hill side than at Charteris Bay.

This means that the bush and tree growth at Charteris Bay is far more intense. Because of the high amount of fire loading in this area and the fact that many of the properties in the area are holiday homes and not permanent dwellings there is a lot of growth near to the buildings.

The Charteris Bay area is serviced by the Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade. This brigade would take an estimated, by me, 8 to 10 minutes to arrive at Charteris Bay. The appliance carries about 1600 litres of water in a tank. This water would last about 5 minutes being applied to a fire. The nearest water supply for firefighting is a tanker that is situated and staffed by volunteer firefighters at Governors Bay Fire Station. This Tanker would take about 25 minutes to respond to Charteris Bay. As can be seen from the above apart from an initial 5 minutes of application of water from the Diamond Harbour appliance there would be no more water for firefighting for about another 20 minutes at least. Even after the tanker has arrived and once it has used all of its water it would need to travel back to Church Bay to refill taking up to 15 minutes depending on the location of the fire.

Fire in this type of terrain and the nature of the bush, would be expected to double in size every 6 to 8 minutes depending on the weather and the dryness of the fire fuel. Fire travels uphill some 14 times faster than fire on the flat. Almost all of Charteris Bay is on the hillside.

In the summertime in the area, a strong to moderate Northwest wind could dry out the fire fuel to very dangerous proportions. The likelihood of a major grass and scrub fire that would threaten housing and other buildings is very real. Fires such as those in the state of Victoria in Australia recently are very unlikely, however even fires of this nature that are smaller can be and are very serious.

Simply for the supply of water for firefighting there is a great need for the water and waste water extension to be placed back on the plan with the current time frames.