

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.

Are you completing this submission:

On behalf of a group or organisation

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

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Your Submission:

Our group comprises 15-20 community members from around the Lyttelton Harbour basin. We ask you to please consider three points:

Point 1)

We feel strongly that there needs to be more funding set aside for the purchase of community parks and protected landscape (in the form of reserves). The money currently set aside for this purpose is not enough to cover Christchurch and the Banks Peninsula for 10 years. In addition, any money spent then comes out of the "pot" for maintaining and developing existing parks.

This shortfall was highlighted recently when an area of iconic harbour headland near to Ripapa Island came up for sale (Ripapa is a registered Category 1 site by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and an historic reserve). This land would make a great site for a scenic reserve with a native bush regeneration programme, public access to the beaches, walking tracks around the coastline and trips to historic Ripapa Island. This is far better than the alternative: another residential development (like Black Point between Diamond Harbour and Charteris Bay). It is unlikely that even highly committed community groups would be able to raise the necessary several million dollars to buy the appropriate land.

The Council is in the perfect position to make this difference by increasing the budgeting for such purposes in the LTCCP. The Parks planning staff that I spoke to were aware of the sale of this land but knew that there was not enough money available to buy it. The last major land purchase on Banks Peninsula (Misty Peaks near Akaroa) was announced in May 2007, nearly 2 years ago. It is a shame the cupboard is now bare for further purchases

(once Te Oka Farm is purchased). These landscapes are an amenity for all and our legacy for future generations. Please consider increasing the funding for regional parks.

Point 2)

The Urban Development Strategy (page 87, table 6.13.4) contains an action point (number 2) with the stated purpose "to develop a Lyttelton Harbour/Whakaraupo Landscape Protection Programme". This is a worthy activity and was supposed to be performed in 2009. The named lead agency is CCC.

Our members are unaware of the creation of any such programme or consultation of the residents of the Lyttelton Harbour/Whakaraupo area. Please could the progress of this programme be reviewed with high priority.

Point 3)

Please consider reducing CCC spending on roads and increasing the spending on walkways, cycle lanes and public transport. We feel that this would place the correct emphasis on transport options and contribute to the health of Christchurch residents whilst improving air quality.

I am happy to appear at the hearings between 11-18 May to discuss my submission in person.

Matthew Hayman.
Secretary.

Lyttelton Harbour Landscape Protection Association.