

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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

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Your Submission:

We would like the CCC to consider the following issues when discussing the options:

- 1) Cultural Impact of application of waste water to rural property:
Some of the land deemed to be suitable for waste water application has been in families since the mid 1800's. This would have huge cultural implications for those families who have cared for the land through those years and would affectly prohibit their ability to farm it as they see fit.
- 2) Impact of pharmaceuticals, heavy metals and viruses:
No difinitive answer has been given during any of the meetings as to the long term effects of these by products on land and/or humans. There are suggestions/opinions but nobody has been able to definitely confirm the long term affects.
- 3) Low density sustainable farming jeopardised:
This is the objective for farming in NZ for the future. Many of the farms in the Lyttelton Harbour area are complying to this now. Why would the Council consider destroying something that is the ultimate goal for farming in NZ?
- 4) Environment:
The idea is to remove potentially harmful substances from entering water ways and yet land application must eventually provide opportunity for this occur either by run off or entering underground springs, waterways etc
Most houses in the area are supplied with water from undereground springs or wells. because of the risk of contamination from run off, it is assumed that these residences would no longer be habitable.
- 5) Earthworks:
Due to the size of holding ponds required in the event of continuous rainfall, these would be an eye sore in this high sensitivity visual area. They would also pose some risk to lower properties and housing from potential flooding

to hugely attractive breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other disease carrying pests.

6) Cost:

Due to the already existing infrastructure in the ChCh area, it is projected to be hugely less expensive to remove waste water from Lyttelton Harbour altogether and pipe through to Bromley. This would effectively solve the problem permanently rather than creating a stop gap measure which would have to be revisited again at a later stage.

Council should make the obvious decision and send all waste water to Bromley from Lyttelton area. They should consider the above points as well as those of the Engineer who conducted the Land Application research and who, even though he is passionate about land application, suggested that the Lyttelton Harbour was not suitable for land application due to it's volcanic rock, steepness, terrain and soil type.