

Submission Form

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR SUBMISSION

The public consultation period is from Tuesday 10 March 2009 to Thursday 16 April 2009.

It will help us if you clearly:

- state the issue you want the Council to consider;
- state what specific action you think the Council should take, and
- state why that should be done.
- type or use black ink for your submission.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to the public and to Councillors, including the name and address of the submitter. In making submissions available to the public, the submissions will be posted electronically on the Council's website. Information will be available to the public subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you consider there to be compelling reasons why your contact details and/or submission should be kept confidential, you should contact the Council Support Team, telephone 941 8999.

You may send us your submission:

On the internet:

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz/ltccp

By email:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

By mail:

(no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Draft LTCCP
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8140

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

Whether you use this form or not, you must provide your full name, address and telephone number. If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation please state this and your role within that organisation.

Submissions must be received (NOT postmarked) at the Tuam Street Civic Offices no later than 5pm on Thursday 16 April 2009. To ensure receipt, hand deliver last-minute submissions to the Civic Offices, 163-173 Tuam Street.

Your submission

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. If that is the case, please tick the appropriate box below. The hearings will be held from 11 May 2009 to 18 May 2009. Five to ten minutes will be allocated for speaking to your submission, including time for questions from the Councillors. The Council will confirm the date and time of your hearing in writing, by email or by telephone call.

Tick one I do NOT wish to discuss my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR I wish to discuss 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: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent? _____

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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views.

What do you want the Council to consider? What specific action you think the Council should take?
Why should this be done?

I would like to register my great disappointment that, according to the draft long term plan, the Council continues to ignore our need here in Purau for water and sewer services. In past years Purau residents have been seen to be 'divided' on the issue but, really, there are only a few properties up the valley – maximum of 4 – that have installed organic or composting waste systems. The rest of us are VERY anxious. No blame really on THIS council, but we were told when we bought our property 16 years ago that water would be here within 5 years. And since then, it just gets pushed a little further and further away with each plan. All this time, we've been saying "Oh, we'll hang in there a couple more years" but now we're hearing 10 years minimum! I feel our absence of city services are fast becoming a serious health issue. And we have been pouring way too much money into patching up our old water collection and septic systems with the thought that services are getting closer.

The worst part of it is the 'not knowing'. I suppose if it's definitely 10 more years (as the plan indicates), we could then make a firm decision about whether or not we can afford to stay here. (A new septic system according to current standards would probably be unaffordable and we would be forced to move on.) But even selling up would be difficult, with a new buyer knowing they will have to bring the system up to standard. (I guess our initial gullibility has got us between that rock and that hard place.)

I know that the council needs to look at the budget in terms of the 'greater good', but I have a feeling that most of the bay front residents are looking at similar problems. A lot of them are still baches, but they are all used with much more regularity than they were a few years ago. With that, and an increase in permanent residents in the next tier of homes, I feel sure that testing will uncover an unhealthy level of sewerage leeching into the bay.

To make matters even worse, we are now hearing that Council is considering allowing the developers who own the property along the slopes of Mt Evans to run a pipe to these properties with a "limited water supply". This means that the road in front of our house will be dug up for a water pipe for the exclusive use of properties further along than ours! This seems to me a totally unfair proposition. We have been here paying rates and waiting (patiently ... mostly) for reticulation. Now, some developers come along and our road is going to be tom up for pipes bringing water only to them??!!

I am asking Council to seriously consider bringing reticulation services to Purau Bay residents. Beyond my own personal and financial interest in this action as a home owner here, there is a greater health issue that affects the entire community using this area as a recreational centre of activity.