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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.

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Your Submission:

I have read the LTCCP and have been unable to find any specific mention of the funding currently provided to support the operation of Ferrymead Heritage Park.

As an active volunteer within one of the 20 plus organisations involved in the Park and a Trustee of the Ferrymead Trust, I see the councils support at this minimal level of \$160,000.00 per year as essential to assist managing the facility for the people of Christchurch and the world.

When I see an expenditure of close to \$15m for the Canterbury Museum, Art Gallery and Our City the current Grant to the park is a pittance.

The Park has a number of exhibits that are unique in the world. They are unable to be displayed at their best or even available on a daily basis for security reasons due to a lack of funding to provide staff to supplement the volunteers who cannot attend every day.

I would like to see the council lift the funding of the operational grant to provide more management resource and also provide a significant fund of the same value to assist the park to develop and maximise the potential visitor attraction provided by the many volunteers. This figure would be less than 3% of the budget for the other museums and galleries.

In addition I would be pleased to see an annual allocation of Council Heritage Funds to be made available for the Parks individual societies to apply for specific project funding to create newer and better exhibits.