

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.

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Your Submission:	<p>The proposed cuts to the budget for community grants will have a negative effect on the not-for-profit sector's ability to meet the needs of vulnerable citizens of Christchurch. At this time of economic uncertainty, making such cuts is badly timed and is not conducive to building strong, cohesive, inclusive and diverse communities within our city. Such a decision by council would undermine the viability of services which are in increasing demand at this time. Therefore we submit that the proposed cut not occur and the \$1.5 million to this sector be reinstated and increased in line with inflation during the period of the final LTCCP plan.</p> <p>In addition, the omission of plans for a new swimming pool/recreational centre for the Linwood/Woolston area is inexcusable and this must be added to the plan. Linwood residents have to travel outside the area to utilise council run aquatic centres - Centennial in the inner city or QEII in Burwood, and development of such a facility is long overdue. The ability of people on low incomes to travel to use such facilities is especially restricted in this time of economic uncertainty. It is vital that the council accepts responsibility for providing such a facility in this area in order to enhance the health and wellbeing of the city's most vulnerable residents. This will allow the council attain its vision of a healthy, safe, socially cohesive city.</p>