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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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On behalf of a group or organisation

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Your Submission:

We would like seek support from the Council in the establishment of a new "New Zealand Science & Technology Centre" at the University of Canterbury .

This new centre will showcase all New Zealand has to offer in the fields of Science & Technology including an educational section for people of all ages ,a hands on entertainment area and various galleries covering New Zealand's history of Science & Technology (much of it based in Christchurch),career opportunities,science issues and an area dedicated to specific industry sectors.

The building of this complex will further establish Christchurch as the hub for science & technology and IT in New Zealand.

The University of Canterbury and The New Zealand Science & Technology Trust Board are currently in advanced discussions considering the land use on a Creyke Road site .

A new centre closely linked to the University will be of immense value to the young people of Christchurch and will provide opportunities for life long learning in the community.This university, science centre collaboration will set Christchurch at the forefront of International trends in science education.It will also be a major new tourist attraction in Christchurch prolonging visitor stay in our city.

The specific action we would like the council to make is to appoint a specific point of contact at the council to assist us with the development of strategic planning and to keep the council fully informed of progress in this major initiative. We would also like the Council to be open to the consideration for funding at a later date when plans are more advanced.