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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.

Are you completing this submission:	On behalf of a group or organisation
If you are representing, how many people do you represent?	Sydenham Community Preschool
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Your Submission:	<p>Community Facilities</p> <p>I am Janet Borgfeldt representing Sydenham Community Preschool. Sydenham Community Pre-School is located at 113 Huxley Street Sydenham, Christchurch.</p> <p>The Christchurch City Council is the holder of the title and they are responsible for certain aspects of the building (out lined in lease) This is a purpose built community centre licensed for 30 children this includes 8 under twos.</p> <p>We have a full day license; the hours of operation are Monday to Friday 9am â? 3:15pm.</p> <p>The Preschool is a non-profit organisation, situated in a low social economic area with children attending from mixed cultural and social backgrounds. The Management Committee comprises of parents whose children are presently in the centre. The centre runs parallel with primary school terms.</p> <p>We are one of the community early learning centres that the CCC currently support, by owning the building and giving a grant that covers the rental on the property.</p> <p>We acknowledge and thank the CCC for there ongoing support over the past 30 years. Due to the review in June 2010, we are concerned that the CCC are going to charge the preschools possible market rental rates.</p> <p>We would like our relationship with the CCC to remain as the current status quo. (See changes and proposals in the LTCCP page 208 section a)</p> <p>Why should the CCC stay supporting the Community based preschools â? They have been supporting the children in the community since 1932</p>

â?¢ The CCC Childrenâ?Ts Strategy goal is â?o that Christchurch will be known as the city that is good for children, young people and their familiesâ?□

â?¢ How are we going to give the children the ongoing support they need if we are not supported by the CCC.

â?¢ What other centres in our area will be able to provide the quality, Care & Education. There is a lack of affordable preschools for these families in our area.

(a family came and put their childâ?Ts name on the waiting list as they had to leave their current private preschool as they couldnâ?Tt afford the \$45.00 extra to pay for 9 hours after the WINZ subsidy was taken off)

Kindergartenâ?Ts do not offer the same service. (3 teachers to 45 children as we have 5 teachers to 30 children)

â?¢ If we have to pay rental from our income, we do not have any way of generating the amount of income required from our families. As we are in a low socio area expecting to fundraise among our parents/ families is impossible as they have limited income and fundraising attempts are hindered by one parent families.

â?¢ We here in Sydenham are offering very affordable quality care and education to 54 children and 43 families. All but 4 of our children come with the support of a WINZ subsidy or 20 hours Free ECE. Being situated in a low socio economic area we have a very diverse client base.

Head Teacher Statement

Rhonda Duncraft

We work alongside and with our children and whanau, in a typical day we may seek suitable services to accommodate a family with no food, collaborate and advocate with CYPS for support so a family can access specific grants, find suitable housing or appropriate clothing etc, we will refer a child to special education services, documentation collecting is ongoing to be forwarded to these agencies, we advise and see appropriate parent education and our centre hold regular parent education evening.

We are in centres where the children, parents, caregivers and whanau have a reliable, stable, trusting, consistent boundaries and routines.

These centresâ?Ts are the whole package it comes with passionate and dedicated teachers that have chosen to work in a community based preschool, which have chosen to support our wider community, we regularly work outside of our paid hours to support children and whanau, this is what a community based preschool does. (We donâ?Tt start at 8 to 5 and we donâ?Tt get paid the rates offered by ABC) what other centresâ?Ts support their communities like we do?

How will we support our wider community in the future if we can not financially survive, where will these families go? Who will be their voice?

Over the years we have been working in our Preschools we have experienced and witnessed how agencies operate, how difficult it is to articulate your needs and requirements to certain agencies, how frustrated situations can become and witnessed how dysfunctional families separate and struggle even converting to crime. We are here to support the children these children. We work in collaborate with our wider community with high needs and at risk children caregivers and whanau.