

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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Your Submission:

It is important that the Council approve Vbase's proposal for the expansion of the Christchurch Convention Centre & Refurbishment of the Christchurch Town Hall as part of the 2009/19 Long Term Council Community Plan [LTCC].

As an organiser of large events & conferences throughout New Zealand, we are very much aware that the Christchurch Convention Centre & Town Hall is already at capacity for regular national conferences which will continue to grow in size in the future. Without the extension plans these & other conferences will move away from Christchurch permanently. An expanded venue will attract international events & conferences to Christchurch that are currently too large to be held in the city. This will lead to substantial business tourism growth throughout Christchurch & the Canterbury region and increase the economic output from the facilities significantly.

The Town Hall venue's decor is substandard & urgently needs refurbishment to make it consistent with the Christchurch Convention Centre & other quality venues around the country. The disparity between the Convention Centre & Town Hall creates issues when utilising both venues for one event as there is such a marked difference between the decor of the two venues.

Vbase's proposal is the best way for Christchurch to offer facilities that meet the demands of the New Zealand & International Conference & Event market.