

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered

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Your Submission:

I would like the Council to reconsider the need for the "Funding of \$44.7m ... proposed for the expansion of the Christchurch Convention Centre to enable the facility to grow and meet increasing demand from the business tourism market". I find spending over \$44 million in expanding the Convention Centre for tourism, not valid in a time of "economic uncertainty" (as mentioned in the Key Issues of the Summary of the Draft LTCCP 2009-19). It has a business tourism market already by being the only purpose-built conference centre in New Zealand. Yet already in 2009 food banks, like provided by Delta Community Support Trust, and other community social services, are seeing the faces of people who know the reality of "economic uncertainty". The amount of \$44 million would go along way to assist the people of Christchurch to support and empower, fulfilling the Community Outcome of being a Health City. Maybe when this world-wide "economic uncertainty" is over we should extend the Convention Centre, but to do it now when community agencies are having funding cut seems irresponsible and cruel.

Please take the \$44 million tagged for extending the Convention Centre and give it to the front line of service in this time of economic uncertainty.

Kind regards,
Debbie