

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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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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For yourself

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Your Submission:

Smoke Free Commuting: Clean Air for Everyone.

I'm writing to state what I think is an opportunity to promote clean air and a smoke free commuting environment.

I use Christchurch's public transport. I commute on the bus to work 2 to 3 times a week. This commute involves changing buses at the Bus Exchange to and from work.

In the mornings I wait for the Number 7 bus on the Colombo Street part of the Bus Exchange. This area is heavily congregated by smokers and their leftovers, and can be quite disgusting at times.

I commute to work because it is convenient and it is a good service, but it is difficult to comprehend and accept that I have to wait in an area that is certainly not free from second hand smoke to get to and from my place of employment. My home is a smoke free, and my employment is smoke free, but i smell of cigarette smoke when i get home.

The effects of second hand smoke are well known. The Bus Exchange building is smoke free, and I encourage that the environs around the Bus Exchange, especially the larger street side bus stops are smoke free also.

I have lived overseas in California, in an area with 8 million people in an area about the same size as the South Island, and since moving back to Christchurch, the(low) air quality here is very noticeable.

New Zealanders believe that they reside in a "green" country, and they do, but they don't realize where they are on the curve relative to other countries.

I propose that any planning include serious consideration for smoke free environs and pedestrian corridors. I want to get to and from work without dealing with second hand smoke.

Please "clean air" for everyone!

Rubbish Bin Free Parks:

Too many times i have been at some of the great parks around Christchurch, only to find rubbish piled up and around the small provided rubbish bins. (especially glass beer bottles surprisingly)

I encourage the CC to promote and educate people about rubbish bin free parks. Take your rubbish home with you.

Thanks,
Lance Siebuhr.