

# 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**

**Are you completing this submission:**

For yourself

**If you are representing, how many people do you represent?**

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**Your Submission:**

Hagley Park as a International and Provincial Cricket venue has my support.

I applaud the investment signalled for this initiative.

The opportunity for Canterbury's original home of Cricket and the city that is the administrative base of cricket in New Zealand to be showcased on International stage is a fantastic opportunity for the City.

The most recent Indian and West Indian cricket tours highlighted four New Zealand cities to a massive international audience that Christchurch, since Test and Provincial cricket vacated Lancaster Park to facilitate the expanded rugby calendar and the current building development, has missed out on.

A central city test and provincial venue means the matches are easily accessible by all Christchurch residents. Visitors would also have easy access from centrally located accomodation. This is common with many cricketing venues in New Zealand and Internationally.

Hagley Park offers an infastructure that currently has a cricketing base (and history) which will quickly be converted into a premier cricket venue with your initial investment

Christchurch City Council currently provide the cricket facilities at Hagley Park so an International and Provincial facility will be an enhancement to what is already provided to the residents of and visitors to Christchurch City.

Importantly at least one of the two Hagley Cricket Clubs has given its approval (subject to their members interests being protected). St Albans

Cricket Club in their recent newsletter advised members of their (guarded) support. St Albans Cricket Club has over 200 cricketers and this year won the senior Club competition. As well as this support the High School Old Boys Club who have recently vacated their pavillion to merege with another Club can see the merit of their former clubrooms being used as part of the development.

Support for your initiative comes from a number of former International and provincial cricketers who have told me your decision is the right one for the City and cricket.

There have been some concerns about the availabilty of parking for cricket events. The wider Hagley Park facility hosts many events and the motorist is adequately served with parking options. Concerts in the park attract up to one hundred thousand residents who very rarely complain about parking options. Lancaster Park (now AMI Stadium) is in a residential and light commercial area and it accomodates the motorists needs for sporting events. The Basin Reserve in Wellington does not provide any significant parking options but this does not hamper the events it hosts. Hagley will be able to accomodate cricket patrons parking requirements just as it does for other events in the Park

The Christchurch City Council is keen to promote events and venues that showcase the City (eg the purchase of Flower Show held in Hagley Park). International and Provincial cricket in Hagley Park will do its part in supporting this admirable City initiative.

I support your proposed plan to enhance the existing cricket facilities in Hagley Park to host International and Provincial Cricket.