

# 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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On behalf of a group or organisation

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**Your Submission:**

We would like the Council to consider at least 1 if not 2 hockey turfs for Christchurch. The facilities Chch has at present cannot cope with the number of players. Young primary players are playing at 7.55am on a Saturday which is not suitable particularly on frosty Chch mornings, as the turf becomes too dangerous. That doesn't quite make it the all weather turf it is supposed to be. In the Youth Grade Boys, some weekends there are no hockey games due to other tournaments being held. The boys get disheartened from this. They want to play hockey. As a winter sport, hockey is quite expensive and we accept that, but to lose playing time at the weekends to tournaments does not always give the feeling of value for money. Practice space is very congested with 4 teams practicing at Nunweek Park at a time. This means only 1/4 of the turf per team and is insufficient for a progressive practice. Also, valuable time is lost chasing and keeping control of the teams' hockey balls. A few years ago, my children participated in Minis with Selwyn Maister on a Saturday 9.00 - 10.00am at Nunweek Park. At that time there were approx. 70 - 80 children coming for instruction and there was only just enough space then. Last year the number rose to 140 which is fantastic for the sport. However, if this number of children are coming through, then this will put even further pressure on the already overbooked hockey turfs. We already know that the CHA is putting an uneven number of teams in a grade, so to create a bye, as there is not enough allocated turf time. Again some players are sitting at home at the weekend without their sport.

It would be prudent to have another hockey turf at Nunweek Park. A large percentage of the players live on that side of town plus the convenience for

those in outlying rural areas of Canterbury. Chch has a population of approx. 400,000 and there are only 3 turfs. Consider Timaru which currently has 1 turf with a second on the way. Their population is only 26,700.

I urge you to consider this submission as it is so important for Chch to have a good representation in the hockey arena. From the point of view of children/teenagers I saw a billboard recently that said "Kids in sport stay out of court". If, by not having enough turf space to accommodate the children, we have to turn away potential hockey players, then that is a disservice to the local community that the Council may have to bear some of the responsibility.

This submission is on behalf of myself, my children (both fourth generation members of the Harewood hockey Club) and my husband, a long serving manager/coach.