

# 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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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>1) Promotion Styx River Reserve Network as a Regional Park. Significant funding should be set aside for strategic land purchases along the Styx River. The Styx River is the last remaining significant waterway within the city where a significant and continuous reserve network/corridor can be preserved. Much of the catchment is under heavy pressure for residential (and other) development, and this round of the LTCCP may be the last chance ever to preserve such an asset for future generations; an asset potentially greater in terms of recreation, heritage, ecology etc than that of Hagley Park. Where strategic property purchases (or other acquisitions) are proposed, reserve widths should be as wide as possible (eg 100 from top of bank)) in order to preserve natural character, provide a more sustainable forested corridor with a greater area-to-edge ration, and minimise the multitude of effects of development on the waterway environment itself</p> <p>2) Provision for the reintroduction of locally extinct bird species to the city. This would include fostering partnerships with (eg) Willowbank Wildlife Reserve who are currently breeding South Island Buff Weka for release into (firstly) the Styx Mill Conservation Reserve and elsewhere in the catchment/city/region. A reintroduction plan for the South Island Fernbird at the Styx River Mouth/Brooklands Lagoon area has also been prepared and is able to be implemented.</p> <p>3) support for formal recognition of the Perimeter Walkway</p> <p>4) support for CHCH becoming a member of the LAB (an international association of cities supporting Local Action for Biodiversity)</p>
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5) Support for the Styx Living Laboratory Trust and Styx Living Laboratory Field Centre on Lower Styx Road

6) Increased and ongoing funding for ecological restoration of the Otukaikino River corridor. (ongoing restoration has occurred at The Groynes Reserve since the late 1970's and is one of the best examples of ecological restoration in the city) This includes linkages to Roto Kohatu Reserve, The Isaac Conservation Reserve, and the Waimakariri Regional Park. This corridor also forms an integral part of the proposed Christchurch Perimeter Walkway.

7) Support for formal recognition of the Perimeter Walkway