

Draft Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2009-19

Submission Form

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR SUBMISSION

The public consultation period is from Tuesday 10 March 2009 to Thursday 16 April 2009.

It will help us if you clearly:

- state the issue you want the Council to consider;
- state what specific action you think the Council should take, and
- state why that should be done.
- type or use black ink for your submission.

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You may send us your submission:

On the internet:

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz/ltccp

By email:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

By mail:

(no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Draft LTCCP
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8140

No anonymous submissions will be accepted. Whether you use this form or not, you must provide your full name, address and telephone number. If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation please state this and your role within that organisation.

Submissions must be received (NOT postmarked) at the Tuam Street Civic Offices no later than 5pm on Thursday 16 April 2009. To ensure receipt, hand deliver last-minute submissions to the Civic Offices, 163-173 Tuam Street.

Your submission

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. If that is the case, please tick the appropriate box below. The hearings will be held from 11 May 2009 to 18 May 2009. Five to ten minutes will be allocated for speaking to your submission, including time for questions from the Councillors. The Council will confirm the date and time of your hearing in writing, by email or by telephone call.

Tick one I do NOT wish to discuss my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR I wish to discuss the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views.

What do you want the Council to consider? What specific action you think the Council should take?
Why should this be done?

See attached

You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.

**SUBMISSION BY THE LINWOOD-HAGLEY BRANCH,
NEW ZEALAND LABOUR PARTY
TO THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
CLTCCP 2009 – 2019**

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. Our branch commends the Council for the overall quality of the Plan and for endeavouring to keep rates around 4% for the next 10 years which means they will be generally affordable.

Having said the above, the following is of serious concern to our Branch:

- **There appears to be a fundamental shift in policy of significance being the response to the City Housing / Dave Henderson cases.**

This shift makes it easy to act on any issue that is 'URGENT' or 'COMMERCIALY SENSITIVE' so long as they fit within the Council's strategic directions. This makes it easier to do significant things without public input because the **strategic directions are so broad**, and they could potentially be used to justify almost anything. We understand that the Council has **removed the criteria around 'Magnitude of the Decision', 'Reversibility', 'Controversiality', and the guideline of \$5 million dollars.**

We are fundamentally opposed to this shift and request that this decision be reversed and that Council reverts to its former policy.

We are also opposed to the following:

- **Cut in community funding of \$1.5 million over the next 10 years and refusing to inflation adjust it.**

Almost everything else has been inflation adjusted. More services will be required as unemployment worsens due to the recession, so why cut community funding?

Should be increased to take account of inflation at the very least.

- **Increase in on street parking charges \$2.60 up to \$2.90.**

Is this really a wise move in encouraging people to come into the city rather than shop at malls? Also it will hit people in the pocket as they come into town, is that fair in these tough economic times?

There should be no increase in parking fees.

■ **No eastern area swimming pool despite it being on the aquatics facilities plan.**

This essentially means it is the only area to miss out on a swimming pool despite being in the plan. Meanwhile Council is proposing to expand Centennial Pool / Gym, yet that is not part of the aquatics facilities plan.

The Plan should include a provision and funding for a swimming pool in the eastern area.

■ **Transfer of the Town Hall to Vbase.**

Could result in the potential loss of council control and removes direct decision making by elected Councillors and gives it to the Board of Directors of Vbase.

The Town Hall should not be transferred to Vbase and the *status quo* should be maintained.

■ **Proposal to sell off Tuam Street Early Learning Centre and out-source Pioneer Early Learning Centre and QE2 Pre-School.**

Our understanding is that these facilities are rates neutral, so why then sell them off?

Council should not sell off Tuam Street Pioneer Early Learning Centres and nor out-source QE2 PreSchool.

■ **The Proposed Tram Extension**

Is this the best use of the money allocated? What are the benefits?

In our view this extension amounts to an expensive luxury item that serves very little practical purpose.

It would be more beneficial to extend the free Yellow Shuttle around the town and allocate all/part of the money to this.

■ **Social Housing**

Given recent issues over rents and maintenance, in our view, Council should plan for the following:

1. **Rents should be kept affordable, and**
2. **The properties should be maintained in a satisfactory condition, including adequate insulation.**

■ **Finally, a Comment Regarding Transparency and Democratic Decision Making**

There is a public perception that Council is not always as open and democratic in conducting its business as it should be.

As general principles this Branch believes that Council's business should always be conducted:

1. **In a wholly transparent manner, and**
2. **Through fully democratic decision making processes**

Yours sincerely



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