

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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Submissions close on 16 April 2009

**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:**

I would like the Council to make available, suitable land, and supporting infrastructure / finances to encourage public 24/7 sporting firearms use. In particular Long Range Rifles shooting. But also all disciplines including pistol, shotgun & rifle shooting, for hunting and target.

There is I understand in the Port Hills area, most suitable as having sufficient backdrop, there is much suitable land administered by Council. Which could with some effort become a National Venue and great success (like the flower show), and model for bringing on new talent. A well conducted range within close proximity to the central city may even become a respected International venue most certainly a destination for amateur & professional. This could be a bottom up starting at schools approach no different to athletics. Remember shooting is an Olympic Sport with considerable backing, even though we don't see it on TV our shooting athletes commonly doing well (Graeme Ede, shotgunner)

This should be done because the quite legitimate recreation sporting ( no different to Mountain Biking or swimming where vast amounts are spent ) use of firearms is becoming pressured from the Politically Correct movement where guns are perceived evil and dangerous. The slowly but surely areas to go are being curbed yet I'm told firearms ownership is up. Check the statistics for shooting & see just how dangerous it is. It is completely safe when proper rules are adhered to. Compare motorvehicle accidents driving down the road in a car deaths and accidental shootings. And cars are not designed to kill anything

Firearms use and proper training will instill values of an honest active outdoor life, requiring maturity, commitment & patience. Some thing many young people today are lacking.

	<p>With regard to especially long range rifle shooting there is nowhere to go for those who wish in NZ without club activity or knowing someone with land. Not alot different to swimming, everybody doesn't have a pool in the back yard, yet there are huge council resources going towards it</p>
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