

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

## Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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Submissions close on 16 April 2009

**I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.**

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| <b>If you are representing, how many people do you represent?</b> |  |
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| <b>Date:</b>  | 14 April 2009  |
| <b>Your Submission:</b>   | <p>The Canterbury Rowing Assn asks for the inclusion of a flat water sports facility in their incoming LTCCplan. This was a high priority in the preceding LTCCPlan but inexplicably disappeared. Once such a facility to benefit a wide range of sports is included Council will be in a position to determine a suitable location in conjunction with user sport and with other community benefits such as drainage, in-fill housing etc as beneficiaries.</p> <p>The need for a flat water sport facility is very high with Kerrs Reach now grossly overcrowded, not only with rowers[more than five times the number as at it's inception] but also with a number of other water sports such as kayaking. Safety is currently addressed through a close working arrangement with your sport support team but such is the demand on a congested river that serious accidents are inevitable. A large number of users are not members of organised groups and may or may not follow the traffic directions as the whim takes them. Christchurch is now established as one of the country's most successful rowing centres due in no small measure to the large number of ChCh rowers now domiciled in the North Island. Twenty one rowers from our ChCh based High Performance Centre travelled to RowingNZ's Elite &amp; Under 23 trials in Cambridge last month, eighteen never came home &amp; now justify the sign across the main street in Cambridge, "Cambridge-Home of Champions". Canterbury Rowing strives to succeed but asks that a safe adequate venue be part of the CCC LTCCP to benefit the young athletes of today who will become the rate-payers of tomorrow.</p> |