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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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Netball is one of the largest sports in Christchurch City. We need a Metropolitan indoor sports stadium to:

- Develop our young netball stars of the future
- Help to solve constant battle of the parking problem at Hagley Park
- Solve the embarrassing situation that the largest netball centre in the country cannot hold National or Regional tournaments because a minimum of 4 courts are required

Christchurch Netball have deferred making repairs to our courts and lighting while we waited for the Council to make a decision on a Metropolitan Sports Facility and these are now in serious need of upgrading. We have made a number of submissions from 2002 and have also funded a feasibility study.

A Metropolitan Sports Facility would solve these ongoing issues for Netball and other sports in Christchurch, and we are disappointed not to be considered in the Council's latest Long Term Council Community Plan.

#Our under 14 year team had to play twice in snow last year.

It is very hard to keep young players passionate for sport when they have to play on sub standard courts and even at the highest levels outside.

A number of our team not only play but coach and umpire so spend Wednesdays, Friday evenings and all day Saturday at the courts.

I have long been an advocate for moving the courts away from this awful corner. I watch near misses most week-ends between players and cars. If netball was moved to upgraded facilities, it would give more space for the rugby and soccer teams and relocate 6000 people each Saturday which must be an improvement for the hospital as well.

Both Dunedin and Invercargill provide far better facilities for their netballers so I feel it is more than time for the council to look at a more suitable venue. If \$ 20 million can be made available for Ami Stadium to attract overseas competition then the same logic should apply for Netball.