

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.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to the public and to Councillors, including the name and address of the submitter. In making submissions available to the public, the submissions will be posted electronically on the Council's website. Information will be available to the public subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you consider there to be compelling reasons why your contact details and/or submission should be kept confidential, you should contact the Council Support Team, telephone 941 8999.

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

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.

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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Submission to the Christchurch City Council regarding the future of the council's involvement in early learning centres

The Ministry of Education (MOE) would like the following points noted in regards to the 'reasons for the proposal' as they are described in the 'Statement of proposal for the future of the council's involvement in three early learning centres'. Please note it is not considered appropriate for the Ministry of Education to comment on the proposed options.

Issue1

Reasons for the proposal

The council states that "changes in MOE standards over recent years means that it is no longer possible to offer casual access".

There have been no changes made by the MOE affecting the service provider's ability to offer casual access. Any changes made to the council's three centres regarding casual access are an operational decision made by the governing body, not the MOE. The governing body of the centre also enforces enrolment restrictions / requirements, not the MOE.

Issue 2

Options

Option a. The government has not indicated any intention to reduce funding to early childhood centres. In fact, government funding has increased significantly over the last five years and most centres now operating at capacity are showing a healthy surplus. All three of the council centres are full with significant wait lists

The MOE has had no indication from the licensee of the three early learning centres that there are any significant compliance issues in any of these centres, either existing or foreseen in regard to the regulatory review.

Issue 3

Other considerations

The council states that "the CCC is the only local authority in New Zealand providing childcare facilities".

Whilst the CCC may be the only direct service providers, many local councils have an interest in property provided to early childhood services. For instance the Wellington City Council has 22 licensed early childhood services which lease Council property directly from the Council and a further eight operate within Community Centres.