

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered

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Your Submission:

With regard to Council plans for the Pioneer Early Learning Centre, I am writing in support of maintaining the status quo. The Pioneer Early Learning Centre as it currently operates offers local low-cost childcare with the opportunity for casual as well as regular hours. As I understand it, the Pioneer Early Learning Centre is one of only two centres in Christchurch offering these flexible care facilities, the only other centre being on the opposite side of town at QEII. I am seven months pregnant with twins and have already put my children's names down at the Pioneer Early Learning Centre, originally because of its flexible care policy and the freedom this would give me to continue my swim training at Pioneer Leisure Centre. However, it has been the combination of these flexible hours with the opportunity for inexpensive childcare and what I myself have seen to be a superbly caring, well-run, stimulating and creative environment for babies and pre-schoolers, which has left me in no doubt about the value of the Pioneer Early Learning Centre as it currently operates. It provides an invaluable service that should not be changed but rather celebrated by the Council and replicated elsewhere.