

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:

The issue is the tendering out of the Early Childhood Education Centers (ECEC) at Pioneer and QE2.
I strongly believe the CHCH City Council should retain these Centers.
I am aware that there is a growing need for ECEC in Christchurch. With the current economic situation and job losses more mothers will be required to seek employment and require ECEC for their children. This is occurring now in the U.K.
I am familiar with the Pioneer C. and am aware that they always hold a long waitlist- The demand is there.
I do not agree that the C.C.C. should place the Centers in an at risk to continue situation.
I work with mothers who have post natal mental illness. It is often very important for the women's recovery and indeed the families survival that quality ECEC are available e.g. The mum needs time out, to be able to trust that their child is in a quality programme and often the infant/child requires a consistent, reliable, predictable environment.
Not all C.C.C. business should be about making a profit, though I cannot see why the centers should operate at a loss. I think there is a Civic duty to provide these ECEC.