

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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Date

16th April, 2009

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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views.
 What do you want the Council to consider? What specific action do you think the Council should take?
 Why should this be done?

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Submission on Proposal for the Council's involvement in the Early Learning Centres

I am a ratepayer living within a 10 minute walk of the QEII Leisure Centre.

It is my understanding that the QEII Early Learning Centre was established to provide pre-school education for children. It was

also to support a parent(s) who wanted to use the QEII

recreational facilities, knowing their child was being cared for

in a safe professional environment that included education

of quality.

If the Council relinquishes its involvement with the QEII

preschool, there will be no local provision of professional

childcare for a parent who for example wants to use

the QEII pool regularly or casually. The government

provides 20 hrs of free childcare per week. Private child

care facilities are geared to a minimum number of hours of

care per child weekly, to maximise their profits and min-

imise their workload.

Many childcare centres within the QEII close neigh-

bourhood will not take children under 3 yrs old. Others

allocate either the mornings or afternoons only to 3 or 4 year

olds. Some centres close for a half day per week for

Administration duties. One is booked out 12-15 months

ahead.

A private provider would probably deny access to very young

children and casual care, or deny access to them after they

have been in operation for 12 months.

Wasn't it decided to maintain the status quo after

You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.

The Ministry of Education report? I don't believe that ②

The Ministry of Education would behave in such a ridiculous manner; as to deny children casual access to a Preschool situated right on the grounds of a Council-operated Leisure Centre! The need for casual access is obvious and deserves to be maintained by the Council - strengthening the ties between the ordinary people of Christchurch and itself.

Surely a review should be based on fact and current conditions and not include possible threats such as;

"if the Ministry of Education reduces its funding", or "cost of complying with regulations increases." Creating a climate of fear isn't helpful, nor is possible stress on QEII preschool staff especially during current economic conditions.

So, the QEII Preschool has no effect on rates? And it's a well-run centre providing quality care to 'under twos', older children, casual, parttime and fulltime children.

So, why try to fix something that ain't broke? That isn't even approaching anything like broke?

Diana Elizabeth Arbon.

