

**CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL**  
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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>I understand that storm water and, at times, raw sewage is currently permitted to enter both Heathcote and Avon Rivers, and that the sewage outfall still empties into the Estuary. As a local sea-kayaker, I am directly affected by this.</p> <p>It is unacceptable to me and environmentally unethical for the Council to allow these waters to be contaminated and polluted. The public uses them extensively for recreational purposes. Contamination and pollution of them adversely affects native flora and fauna and the ecosystem. We have a collective responsibility to protect these resources as well as our health for ourselves, for the environment and future generations.</p> <p>What the Council Should Do:</p> <p>I urge the City Council to undertake or commission either an independent or collaborative assessment by different agencies, of the effects of continued dumping of raw sewage into the Heathcote, Avon Rivers and the Estuary. A Health Impact Assessment is one way of ascertaining, in a methodological and structured way, the effects of any decision on the health of populations, including that on the health of the environment.</p> <p>Why A Health Impact Assessment:</p> <p>The Ministry of Health indicates indicate that a Health Impact Assessment is a comprehensive process. Its various stages utilise robust and high quality evidence that will inform the City Council's elected members' decision-making about dealing with the raw sewage that currently contaminates the Heathcote and Avon Rivers and the Estuary.</p> <p>The Council's decision and subsequent action on these matters would then be based on sound evidence of what is best for the people of Christchurch and the health and wellbeing of the natural environment. It is the Council's duty to safeguard these matters.</p> <p>Tom Watkins</p> <p>2 Lucas Lane</p>

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