

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

Are you completing this submission:

For yourself

If you are representing, how many people do you represent?

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Your Submission:

I wish the Council to retain the historic piece of land at the old Edgeware Pool site at 43a Edgeware Road. I would like this land to be retained for community use as a pool/pavillion as used by the community for over 70 years.

The Edgeware Pool site is located close to the shopping centre and has been part of the community amenities enjoyed by St Albans residents for a over seven decades. The council needs to listen to local people and fund the projects that they want.

A pool/pavillion has been indicated by residents as their preferred option; residents of this suburb have over many years raised large sums of money to build and maintain this community asset.

Yet rather than listen to them, council staff have vandalised and stolen these facilities which are actually owned by the community. Removing the mess made in destroying the pool, along with cost of that work, will almost certainly cost more than the earlier estimate of repairing and upgrading the pool as it was.

This site is also a wahi tapu - older committee members have had their ashes scattered here, a fact not taken into account in what now amounts in Maori terms to a desecration.

Should the proposed sale appear to go ahead, these above matters will be certainly brought to public attention on a national basis.

	<p>The test of a democratically elected local council is the way it responds to reasonable requests from its electors for consultation on such matters. So far, the present and previous elected members are in serious dereliction of this duty.</p>
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