

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:

I am in favour of Vbase's proposal to expand the Christchurch Convention Centre and refurbish and modernise the Christchurch Town Hall.

Firstly, the refurbishment and modernisation of the Christchurch Town Hall for Performing Arts is essential because the Christchurch Town Hall represents Our City and we would want all our visitors to be impressed by it. International performers will not come to our beautiful city if there is no suitable venue to accommodate them.

The building itself is of national importance and is an icon of our city's architectural heritage. Following a visit to the Sir Miles Warren exhibition at the Christchurch Art Gallery, I am firmly of the view that we need to give the building the care and attention it deserves to ensure it remains a world class venue for national and international performances.

Secondly, the Christchurch Convention Centre compliments the Town Hall and creates a greater capacity for large events and is clearly capable of delivering a valuable financial injection into our economy. I attended two conferences that took place at the Christchurch Convention Centre last year, the Small Business Expo and the Living Here Sustainable Partnerships Forum. During these conference I was able to attend the convention stalls held in the open space on the ground floor, and also attend small workshops in the second floor rooms. I was impressed with the building's versatility and would like to see this expanded upon.

We must remain competitive in the marketplace or face losing valuable and lucrative international visitors to our city. This is not the time to be shying away from expansion and renovation, to do so would be short-sighted and

leave us ill-equipped to service great conferences and performances in the future.

To conclude, I am in favour of the refurbishment and modernisation of the Christchurch Town Hall and the expansion of the Christchurch Convention Centre.