

Our Community Plan Submission - Received by Email

Name:	Nicole Bührs [tonicb@xtra.co.nz]
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Sent:	Wed 5/05/2004 16:57
Your Submission:	<p>Dear Christchurch City Council,</p> <p>I live in Rolleston and am not a CCC ratepayer, but work mostly in the city and am very concerned with environmental and sustainability issues. I would like to make a submission to LTCCP plan of the Council and in particular to the kerbside collection of food waste proposal.</p> <p>I completely agree with the Council view of reducing the amount of organic matter going to the landfill but I disagree with the proposal of spending millions of ratepayers money to set up the processing plant and the distribution and collection of containers to ratepayers. I also wonder how the food waste would look like and smell after one week in hot weather without any treatment.</p> <p>There are cheaper and more sustainable ways of dealing with the problem in situ instead of transporting the waste all over the city. I am thinking of EM Bokashi, worm farms, home composting and community gardens composting. Why can't households dispose of their food wastes on their own properties?</p> <p>One of the system I am in favour of is the Bokashi bucket. I am using it myself and am very impressed with it. No smelly piles (attracting flies) waiting to be composted anymore. Less work as well. I am convinced that the Bokashi system offers a real solution to city people who seldom have enough organic material available at once to make proper compost. It is a very safe, proven, cheap and easy way of disposing of food scraps. For less than \$1 per week households can dispose of their food wastes themselves and turn them into a very good fertiliser for their gardens.</p> <p>Let people take responsibility for their rubbish and don't waste money setting up an expensive compost processing plant.</p> <p>I don't wish to be heard regarding this submission.</p> <p>Sincerely</p> <p>Nicole Bührs Springston-Rolleston Rd RD5 Christchurch Ph: 347 9339</p>