

# Our Community Plan Christchurch O-Tautahi 2004/14 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 6 May 2004

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings.

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**Your Submission:**

I wish to submit the following comments:

Page 11-5 Foster new ideas - needs a neutral forum not always available in public hearings. It is a learned artform that must be carefully nurtured.

Page 11-6 Engage the community as above.

Page 11 suggestion: getting reuse and recycle details onto packaging seems to be a problem to me. How about putting stickers on packaging link the heart health tick?

The instructions that were issued with the 2004 bag vouchers are very confusing if you read them literally. I do not have a ball of string so it is impossible for me to put out cardboard. It seems I my need to purchase a box cutter and a ball of string to help me carry out the recycle instructions.

Page 13 6.1.1 a, b & c. I would have directed all carbon waste to a methane digester to recover energy the composted the residue to capture the nutrients. There are high flow digesters and there may even be solid digester designs now.

All products sold in ChCh could be tagged indicating the disposal destination it has to go to. i.e. "all bottle tops must got to land fill"

Being able to detect which rubbish bags have no organics would be helpful in keeping organics out of the landfill. This would allow waste mixers to be identified and put on report in true big brother 1984 style or charged a few dollars to have their bags sorted for them. Several high tech solutions exist with some even developed in Christchurch - Syft.

Page 15-c Insinkeratorators are an enigma. They may make it possible for kitchen waste to be transported down the sewer pipe but what is the energy cost now and in the future when liquid fuel prices climb further?

Page 16 Rubbish bags could they have a refund for the return of un-used bags as a reward for reducing waste that would automatically is sent to the land fill? I still have 26 bags left over from last year so I do not need this year's allocation.

Page 19 6.2.6 Some of the instructions to recyclers are confusing and very complex when all you want to do is dump the stuff and get on with your day. I certainly was confused about what should and should not be recycled so a simpler approach may assist in improving the desired outcome.

<p><b>Your Submission (Cont'd):</b></p>	<p>The process of moving packaging from the supermarket to home to mouth to recycle bin needs to made an attractive activity. It needs to have a sense of achievement and reward for the effort involved. The gold bin is great but it was easier for me to add my stuff to my neihbours recycle bin than fetch my own and he gets rewarded with gold bin.</p> <p>Page 26 Hazardous waste I would like to suggest a small blue bin be provided for hazardous waste so that it is separated at source, is easily identified and the colour is visible to all including the colourblind.</p> <p>This falls under the general comment of "detect and divert".</p> <p>When it known that a substance can be easily detected and will be diverted there is no longer an incentive to put items in the wrong box.</p> <p>General Comment.</p> <p>I am considering putting up rack for temporary storage of tins, bottles, paper stuff, plastic bags and so on. Then each week I would put out one of them so the collector did not have to sort my recycled items, easy for me but would you appreciate the effort?</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.</p> <p>Alex Drysdale</p>
<p><b>Your Submission (2):</b></p>	<p>For some time I have been observing traffic and it growth in our city. Congestion has become a significant factor in my choice of transport. I currently choose to cycle when ever possible depending on distance and rain.</p> <p>It is clear to me that small individual means of transport would make a big difference. I have looked at building a one-person car but finding parts that comply with the LTSA rules has been very difficult. If the council wished to pursue such a concept I would be happy to show where I got to with this project.</p> <p>In the meantime please continue with the work on cycle ways and driver education about road safety and consideration for other less well-protected road users (cyclists).</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission</p> <p>Alex Drysdale</p>