

Our Community Plan Christchurch O-Tautahi 2004/14 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 6 May 2004

I do not wish to make a personal submission at the hearings.

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Your Submission:

1 With the disappearance of native species from areas adjacent to cities and the successful Karori Wildlife Refuge in Wellington, interest has grown in seeing such reserves established. These provide great benefits in protecting and enhancing environmental and biodiversity values as well as education opportunities. At present, Christchurch has no forest area large enough to be sustainable as a native wildlife refuge. Areas such as Riccarton Bush, although contributing to the natural biodiversity of the city, fail to provide a large enough habitat for most native species. Suitable areas could include Kennedy's Bush and valley and other valleys on the Port Hills with remnant and regenerating bush present. These areas, however, are becoming desirable for residential subdivision and the opportunity for Christchurch to have a sustainable predator free wildlife reserve could be lost.

Owing to this threat, I recommend that the City Council allocate funds to investigate such a proposal and purchase or protect suitable land within the next two years. Fencing and development of such a reserve could be delayed providing the land is set aside.

2 I fully commend the suggestion of increasing recycling to include additional plastics. I suggest that recycling facilities should be provided for the most common household and business plastics. These being 1,2,5,6. I understand other local authorities do provide recycling facilities for plastics 3-6 and I encourage Christchurch City Council to consider implementing this as well.