

# 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:** **Flat Water Sports Facility. Vol 1 P35.**

I strongly urge the City Council to re-visit the proposal to base such a facility at Lake Isaac, Harewood. It is irresponsible to spend considerably more ratepayers money than is necessary to procure suitable land and construct a facility when land has been offered and much of the development carried out by private parties for the good of all. Objections from the Airport were given undue weight in the original consideration. It appears from an outsider's viewpoint that there was little investigation done into mitigating or removing the perceived problems associated with a watersports facility at the Harewood location. There are much worse areas within the Airport flight paths and these are accepted.

**Your Submission (2):** **MCTS**

There appears to be an undue emphasis on cycling as an alternative. The Community Plan shows that we have a high percentage of elderly people in Christchurch and that will only increase over the next 10 to 40 years. These people are not going to be cyclists! They will want a system that delivers them from their homes directly to the services they require. At present this is best done with their small car.

An efficient passenger system needs to be devised. The Orbiter is a start and had been mooted for years prior to its inception. Supporting inner and outer rings are required with sensible feeder services, not ones based on history or the single line system that seems to be favoured. Small, fuel efficient cabs to replace the old large fleet. Unnecessary as most taxi trips are for single or two passengers. Remove all taxi stands and institute a kerbside hailing system. This will encourage taxis to be active in seeking patronage and allow better parking. A further measure to encourage efficiency might be to reduce the dimensions of on-street car parking spaces to 85 percentile. Large vehicles requiring more space will consequently pay more.