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Christchurch Netball Centre letter in support of the Canterbury Basketball submission to Christchurch City Council Community Plan 2006-16 with regard to Cowles Stadium Renewal

To whom it may concern

The Christchurch Netball Centre supports the Canterbury Basketball proposal for the <u>renewal</u> of seating and existing facilities at Cowles Stadium.

Cowles Stadium has been the traditional home of basketball and the Christchurch Netball Centre would like to see the Stadium retained for use as a basketball facility in its <u>present form and scale</u>. The Christchurch Netball Centre believes the proposed indoor facility at Addington Raceway will provide greater benefits than investment of capital in providing additional seating and courts at Cowles Stadium.

Development of a five-court indoor facility (as proposed at Addington Raceway) on the western side of the city will balance the current provision on the east (QEII Stadium and Cowles Stadium). Cowles Stadium in its present form and scale will complement the proposed mid-size spectator arena and the large capacity Westpac Stadium. This will enable netball and basketball to showcase their sports in facilities of suitable scale for the range of events held in the City.

Yours sincerely

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