## LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

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My submission refers to: Page Number: Summary Version of the LTCCP

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## **Draft Community Plan?**

I am disappointed that previous provision for funding a water sports centre (Lake Isaac) has been removed from the LTCCP. As an executive member of the Canterbury Rowing Association, I have witnessed the rapid growth in our sport here in Canterbury. The region now boasts participation numbers of 839 for the season past, 720 of whom have competition licenses registered to NZ Rowing. Safety on the Avon River is a hot topic as more and more crews take to the water. Other water sport users such as kayakers and outrigger canoeists add to congestion problems. The lower reaches of the Avon River can not be regarded as a class facility. For competition, rowing uses Lakes Hood and Ruataniwha - both remote from Christchurch and not practical alternatives for regular training and competition / regattas. A water sport facility such as the proposed Lake Isaac is essential to the long term viability of our high performance sport.

## Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

Water sport participants (rowers and kayakers in particular) are not well catered for in

Christchurch at the present time due to the lack of suitable waterways.

## Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?

Rowing urges the Council to consider reinstating funding in this LTCCP towards the provision of a new water sports facility such as the proposed Lake Isaac.