

Summary submission form

Instructions

You may send us your submission...

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: we are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Our Community Plan
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8003

By email

Please email your submission to:
ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz
Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at:
<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>
Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on the draft Our Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent? _____

My submission refers to: Full version Page No. Summary version Page No.

Do you also want to respond to: Development Contributions Aquatic Facilities Other

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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views

See list of major projects in the summary document

Questions

① Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Our Community Plan? page number 4

- Why is the Art Gallery in need of an air conditioning upgrade as the building is relatively new - financial performance of the gallery is low and this ^{work} cost should be delayed/conceded.

p8 - Increasing parking charges will deter the reducing numbers of shoppers from coming into town when 'mall' parking is free.

② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number

p10: Are early learning centres & holiday programmes charging market rates? Are they sustainable, cost wise?

p13: CCC should concentrate on assisting local people into jobs & training programmes for employment, and helping local citizens before relocating skilled migrants to Ch-ch.

p15: Reduce events & festival expenditure & please concentrate on core services - waste, roading, community support, water, transport. How are such a large number of continued events justified when rate payers are facing significant increases. This is placing huge pressures on low income, elderly and families along with increases in petrol, food, insurance. How efficient is the infrastructure planning in 10 - 20yrs when seemingly countless permits/subdivisions are allowed - huge pressure on ring roads - reducing house values due to noise pollution. Are rate payers going to be asked for further increases to fund these projects in future?

③ Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number

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Date required:

Heard: Yes No

You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.

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Library Closures

I live near the Bishopdale Library and regularly take my children (6 and 9 yrs old) there to borrow books. We look forward to this and believe it is an excellent service for ratepayers and all people of ChCh.

We are appalled at the thought some of the smaller libraries may close, and would like to draw the CCC attention to the possible effects:-

- redundancies, I have spoken with some of the staff employed at these libraries and they are understandable upset at the prospect of losing their jobs – lets help locals first and retain and value their services
- early childhood learning – has the CCC stopped to think about the effects of children who are not able to go to a library further away, their introduction to books and the library is vital in the process of reading from a very early age. This will impact on schools who will then have to pick up and provide extension work for the children who have not had access to a local library. I am sure the Govt will not be willing to provide extra funding to already cash strapped schools to assist with the literacy needs of future children who have missed out on being able to access a local library. I am on the Board of Trustees at the Cotswold Primary school and cannot believe the CCC is even entertaining the thought of closing the Bishopdale (and other) libraries
- the people who do not have transport, the elderly or disabled and cannot travel far to get the library
- Libraries are a part of New Zealand culture and the proposal to close some for a relatively small saving, is abhorrent
- school children do not all have access to a computer for their homework and the closure of local libraries would place added pressure on families travelling further to another library
- what about the services the library also provides – eg Papanui service centre, is contracting out these services really going to be as cost effective, and provide a better service to the public – I think not.

I sincerely hope that the CCC very carefully takes into account the wishes of the ratepayers, (I have not spoken to anyone who agrees with these proposals) and not close libraries and seriously consider reducing the size of the rates increase, which at the proposed level of increase, is not acceptable. Also consider the impacts on other service areas, like the food banks which will no doubt gain increased business from your citizens struggling to survive if these changes are approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to forward a submission, I will not be able to present this submission in person due to work commitments

Mrs P Blake