

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:

Freeport 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 **No time!**
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
Akaroa Health Centre + allied health workers.

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent? **20+**

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

Do you also want to respond to: ☐ Development Contributions ☐ Aquatic Facilities ☒ Other **No.**

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

Questions

See list of major projects in the summary document

- ① Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Our Community Plan? page number
- General comment that the only health focus is public health. It is very clearly stated in the Primary Health Care Strategy that TLAs must take more of a role in the primary health care of their population and do not forget that PTO boards (esp. Rural Canterbury PTO) have 1/3 shares in the PTO structure and representation at board level.
- ② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number
- As stated above, CCC, needs to focus on the primary health care delivered to its population and take a share in the responsibility for delivery of this health care. Baites Peninsula has inequity of access to health care due to its rurality and health care providers struggle to deliver health care for reasons of difficulty in retention, recruitment, distance and inadequate facilities
- ③ Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number
- Of note is current lack of space at Akaroa Health Centre and inadequate facilities for providing safe, efficient, and quality health care. This also affects physiotherapy and there is uncertainty over dental health. I attach a letter sent to interested parties

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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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26th April 2006

Dear Interested Party

We write on behalf of all staff at Akaroa Health Centre. For some time we have found it increasingly difficult to provide a quality health service from our current rooms adjacent to Akaroa Hospital. One year ago a business mentor indicated that the main problem preventing us from working efficiently and effectively was lack of space. In spite of attempting to alter usage of current rooms we still struggle.

The situation has now got to the stage where we need urgent action. We are working toward accreditation of our Health Centre as a quality practice by the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners. This will take place at the end of May. With our current premises we could potentially not meet the standards required due to inadequate facilities and lack of space.

We need replacement of flooring in both toilet and treatment room areas which currently do not conform to the standards required. This has been mentioned over a year ago to the old Banks Peninsula District Council, and will now be the responsibility of the Christchurch City Council. We need 3 extra rooms – an extra consulting room, an administrator's office and a private coffee room.

Currently we are sharing rooms and have nowhere private to take a break. This is breeding inefficiencies which could lead to mistakes, which in the area of health could prove disastrous. This could also lead to difficulty retaining staff, some of whom are becoming frustrated by the ongoing problems. Loss of staff and current difficulties with recruitment in rural areas will inevitably lead to disruption and potential cessation of a health service in Akaroa.

We trust all parties will realize the urgency of the situation and work with us toward a solution. This is not a matter that should become embroiled within the machinations of councils and health boards, but one that should be a priority for all, so that we can continue to provide a quality health service for the population of eastern Banks Peninsula of which we can be proud.

It should be noted that the physiotherapy facilities on the Akaroa Hospital site are also inadequate and that there is uncertainty over the siting of dental health services in

Akaroa. It may be beneficial, therefore, if all these health service issues are addressed concurrently.

We suggest a meeting on site by all interested parties within the next month and before our accreditation visit. Please reply urgently with your thoughts and preferred dates in May for a site meeting.

Thank you for your urgent consideration
Yours sincerely

Drs Suzanne Knapp and Howard Wilson

Cc:Bob Parker, Councillor, CCC
Cc David Rowland, Property Consultant CCC
Garth Bateup, Manager Ashburton and Community Health Services
Winston McKean, Chair, Rural Canterbury PHO and Akaroa and Wairewa Community Board Member
Steve Lowndes, Akaroa and Wairewa Community Board Member
Eric Ryder, Akaroa and Wairewa Community Board Member
Rod Naish, Business Mentor
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