

# 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.

I am completing this submission:  
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:

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strategic directions, pp49 - 57

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Your Submission:

**Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?**

This refers to the strategic directions

a) to celebrate and promote the city's identity, cultures and diversity there must be a wider definition of the heritage character of the city. (p50) The heritage character must include ALL of the original forms and styles of vegetation that were here. Many people think "Christchurch was a swamp", but it had extensive bush of which Riccarton Bush is but a very small remaining example - there should be more of this to enjoy within the city area. The Port Hills had a "deafening" dawn chorus - if that's part of our heritage where is it now? I'd like to be able to enjoy that part of my heritage. I'd also like to see several, and at least one large, major park devoted to the grassland and scrubland heritage that this area was also unique for. The work to restore and promote wetlands has been great over the last few years, but it seems to be very restricted. There is more to our area than wetlands - these other types of niches are very important, but most local folk do not know about them.

b) Under Healthy Environments

- I feel that water quality should be the highest that it can possibly be.

- to "strengthen the garden city image", - Sorry , but the the idea of "garden" should be broadened. Christchurch has its onw unique vegetation history, and its NOT appreciated by locals - in fact most of them don't even seem to know about it! This is appalling!!! What Christchurch had in terms of native plant habitats is still really exciting, fascinating, diverse and important, people don't even know about it! The "garden city image" must include chrublands, grasslands, the Port Hills bush, and the flat area of the city in bush - like Riccarton Bush. This is important to our future!

- I like the next part on p 52, about out native ecosystems. (The exotics are NOT ecosystems by the way - they are selected plantings, and as such are hardly and ecosystem - please!!) But I agree that there must be protections for existing habitats, and the establishment of new ones.As mentioned above - there needs to be education about our ecosystems other than wetlands. Wetlands have been done very well, and are a great model for those next ones mentioned above.

**Your Submission  
(Cont'd):**

- Please note that biosecurity (p53) is a lot more than mentioning the threat of introduced pests!! You'll need to improve your commitment to biosecurity - there is lots of info around about this topic - you can do better!  
- to take responsibility for environmental protection, people need user friendly info about options - the council must do more to provide this in a manner that reaches people effectively.

c) Under Liveable City. Please do more about air pollution - too many of us are getting sick. Please be more receptive and promotional about solar power - even just solar boosting of hot water - so much more can be done, and the benefits will help in so many ways. I realise that solar will not be the "bee all and end all" to our power needs and problems - its just one small step in an overall helpful direction. But solar is something that can be added to easily on all new buildings - big or small (like double glazing), that will help every person, the environment, and the nation. And, it eases the grip that power companies have over us too! I'd like to see council decide to have a more pro-active stance on this issue.

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

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