

# Our Community Plan Submission Form

## Instructions

### 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.

You may send us your submission:

### 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 our draft 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  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? APPROX 80

My submission refers to:  Full version  Page No.  Summary version 8 Page No.

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

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Secretary, N.W. Workers Educ. Assoc.

## Closure of Libraries Ref. Summary Plan P.8.

The North West Branch of the Workers Education Association objects to the proposal to close 3 suburban libraries and withdraw the Mobile Library Service.

1. These libraries have served their communities for many years. In the case of Bishopdale Library in September of this year, it will celebrate 30 years of service to the Bishopdale/ Burnside community. The proposed closures will deprive the local ratepayers a valuable community asset.

2 Local libraries provide a valuable service for schools and pre schools in their areas. Children need encouragement to read and develop a love of books. Literacy is of paramount importance. They also discover that libraries are a valuable resource for research. And therefore should be easily accessed in the local area.

3 Libraries provide a service for new immigrants in their quest to improve English language skills.

4 The elderly and people with mobility problems need easy access to libraries. Community based libraries have always provided this.

5 Families make good use of local libraries. Busy parents appreciate being able to combine a shopping trip with a visit to the local library. A saving on transport costs.

6 The proposed closures of the Redwood & Bishopdale libraries would leave a large block of North West Christchurch deprived of local library services, which are presently enjoyed.

7 These proposed library closures will provide minimal savings for ratepayers whilst creating a considerable loss for the local communities involved. In our opinion, this move is discriminatory. Everyone will be disadvantaged, particularly the more vulnerable members of these districts.