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:Number of people you represent:On behalf of a group or organisation30 plus 100's clients

My submission refers to:Page Number:Full Version of the LTCCP97-101, 49-51

I also want to respond to:

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Your Submission:	Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?

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?

Submission to the CCC Draft Long Term Plan May 2006

Background

Waipuna Youth and Community Trust is a major provider of youth services in Christchurch, offering alcohol and drug counselling and education, mobile youth social work service, Young Parents Support Service (with teenage parents and their children), Pacific Island Young Parents Support Service and Adventure Therapy with group of young people. Waipuna has a long history of working in partnership with our service providers and with funders, including Christchurch City Council

The Manager, Trevor Batin, is also Chair of the national executive of Social Service Providers Aotearoa (SSPA) which represents the needs and interests of some 230 social service organisations, and several thousand workers, nationally.

Submission

- 1. Christchurch City Council has a well deserved reputation for working closely with and supporting social service and community organisations in Christchurch and is perceived in our sector as a "socially aware" council that takes social responsibility seriously.
- 2. CCC staff is held in high regard by us and the community generally for encouraging and actively supporting the development of community networks, projects and social initiatives that reflect the needs of the city.

Your Submission (Cont'd):

- 3. CCC is in a unique position to be able to take a lead role in being able to identify and help address community needs in the city. Initiatives and funding available through Health, MSD, CYF & Education only provide part of the solution and cannot be as responsive to local needs
- 4. We applaud the continued inclusion of c. \$8million in the community support and c. \$4.5 million (2007-8 figures) in community grants in the draft plan and urge CCC to continue to include these in the final plan.
- 5. The well-being of some the most disadvantaged in our society is a collective responsibility, between national local governments, NGO's and the wider community. The social cost to Christchurch of removing or reducing CCC's commitment in the short and long-term cannot be underestimated. The financial cost in the long-term is likely to be greater. The NGO, community and voluntary sector does not have the resources to work alone.
- 6. We would like to see a specific council objective (Our community plan page 98, Community Support) around "To work actively and in partnership with community organisations for the long-term, sustainable social well-being and community development of the city" to replace "To provide advice, training and support for community organisations"
- 7. Our Community Plan, page 99. We would also like to see the "negative effect" measure of "expectations of ongoing support" removed. Ongoing support is necessary to achieve long term goals and for sustainability.

Trevor Batin Manager Waipuna Youth and Community Trust