CHRISTCHURCH CITY COMMUNITY PLAN 2006 SUBMISSION BY THE LINWOOD-HAGLEY BRANCH OF THE NEW ZEALAND LABOUR PARTY

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

This submission is made by Kevan A. Wilde, Vice Chairperson of the Linwood-Hagley Branch of the N.Z.L.P., C/- Canterbury Regional Office, Level 3, 103 Worcester Street (Ph: 366 5628).

The Branch wishes to speak to the submission and has nominated Daphne Crampton, of 1-56 Salisbury Street (Ph: 366 3393) to do so.

- Our main concerns are in relation to pages 7-8 of the draft summary of the Community Plan, in which Council proposes to close the Redwood, Bishopdale and Spreydon Community Libraries and withdraw the Mobile Library; close Sockburn Pool and Recreation Centre, along with Edgeware, Belfast, Templeton and Woolston pools.
- The Linwood-Hagley Branch of the N.Z.L.P is strongly opposed to these proposals, particularly where they relate to the poorer areas of our city.
- Such closures will severely disadvantage these communities, depriving the younger members of local opportunities to learn to swim and depriving young and elderly members alike easy and low cost access to written and electronic learning resources and entertainment.

Further details will be raised by Daphne Crampton when she presents our submission at the hearing.

Yours sincerely

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