

# 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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**I also want to respond to:**

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| <b>Your Submission:</b> | <b>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</b>  |
|                         | My comments are not so much around the major projects but about the Strategic Direction - Healthy Environment. I am pleased that the Council has adopted the Natural Step & is promoting it in this document. I was concerned to see, however, that in wanting to protect biodiversity & ecosystems no mention was made of the threat from the introduction of GMOs into our environment. See my comments below with respect to the various Community Outcomes  |
|                         | (Sub 2)<br>I am impressed with the varied projects that are targeted for funding over the next 10 years - they will certainly provide for much improved infrastructure & services for our city. I am concerned however, that in trying to save money in order to fund some of the projects progress toward achieving some Community Outcomes will be slowed. The proposal to close some community halls & rationalise some libraries may work against the COs within the Community Support Section (p97). If services are to close then a hall & a library in the same neighbourhood must not be targeted. The provision of space in which people from a community can meet has always been essential for building social cohesion; it allows people to meet on neutral ground. The role of the council in supporting such facilities is important. |
|                         | <b>Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)</b>   |
|                         | Managing Local Risks of Genetically Modified Organisms is a significant issue for the community and a desired Community Outcome. This submission asks that it be included in the 10-year Plan   |
|                         | The City Development section (p91) mentions the CO of Environment as being "By planning for the sustainable use & protection of the city's natural & physical resources".   |

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

Current laws expose the community to costs for clean-up of GE organisms and other local impacts, hence it is important that this Council develops strategies to ensure GMOs are not released into our environment. This could be done in a similar way to declaring Chch a Peace City or a Nuclear Free City.

With respect to Democracy & Governance (p109 consultation with the community about a GE Free policy should be part of the 2006-2016 Plan.

From my understanding legal advice shows Councils have a right and a duty to consider local regulation for GM organisms including: Prohibiting release, Bonds to cover cost of clean-up, Listing GE use on LIMS, Requiring Insurance to fund decontamination

(Sub 2)

It was heartening to read how often the concept of sustainability was mentioned throughout the document, especially so when young people (as profiled on p102) mentioned its importance. The Council is already providing excellent waste minimisation education programmes to schools & some businesses but I believe that it can be enhanced so that such education fosters people's understanding of the imperatives for sustainability. The proposed \$21.4 million (p4 of summary) to be spent on waste minimisation should be of higher priority as it will be well spent long term.

I also encourage the Council to look to developing education programmes (p137 Full) that link the Knowledge Community Outcomes closely with the Governance COs so that young people, in particular, can clearly see the link between knowing something & the action that they can take politically to bring about change through the democratic decision-making process. I encourage the Council to take a more proactive role in the provision of education & citizenship programmes.

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

I would like to see the Council co-operating with other Councils such as Environment Canterbury to develop policy with respect to GMOs.

(Sub 2)

As the Council searches for ways to save money or bring in money I would like to see the Council develop programmes that would encourage people to leave bequests to the Council per se or particular projects. With the LGA (2002) it is time to reposition the role of the Council in people's minds. Too many still see the Council as just a regulatory body rather than a key organisation that works for & with people. This links to my comment about education above. Once people understand the more deeply the role of the Council & develop a more positive outlook they may be more inclined to bequeath money or be benefactors for the greater good of the community