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Dear Lesley

Submission to 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan

Please find the enclosed submission to the Christchurch City Council's 2006-16 Long Term Council Community Plan from the Waimakariri District Council.

This submission was endorsed by the Council at its meeting on 2 May, 2006, together with a resolution that my Council writes to Transit New Zealand proposing the establishment of a joint working party involving Transit New Zealand, the Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, and the Waimakariri District Council to progress the development of a sustainable solution to traffic congestion on the northern arterial routes between the City and this District. The Council's letter to Transit New Zealand will be copied to you.

The Council does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Yours sincerely.

Jim Palmer

Chief Executive Officer

Encl.

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUBMISSION TO CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL 2006-2016 LTCCP

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GENERAL

Re: Northern access to Christchurch

The Waimakariri District Council notes the potentially positive effect of recent developments in relation to bus services and bus priority routing. We welcome further moves made by Christchurch City alone or in collaboration with others that address the increasing congestion developing on the northern arterial routes between the District and Christchurch City, such as the next level of detail in investigating the feasibility of a rail service. In particular, the Council supports all moves for the establishment of priority bus lanes on these routes. It also welcomes the recent suggestion by the Chief Executive of Transit New Zealand to revisit the Northern Christchurch Roading Options Scoping Study.

Recommendation: The Council recommends a joint Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, Waimakariri District Council, Transit NZ working party convened to progress long term sustainable planning for the northern arterial routes.