

Christchurch City Council MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Thursday 2 May 2024
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53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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Oral Submission to the CCC Long Term Plan

Relocate the proposed Linwood Avonside Drive Stormwater Ponds

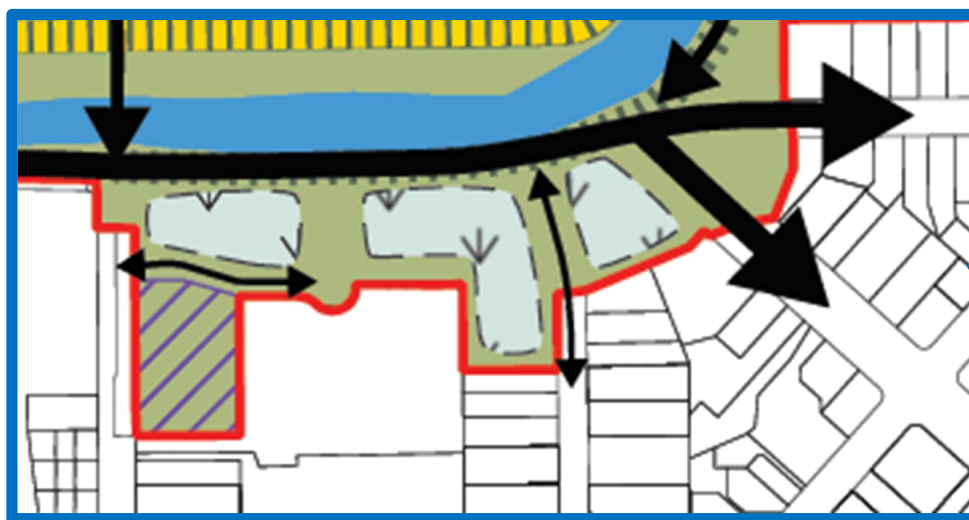
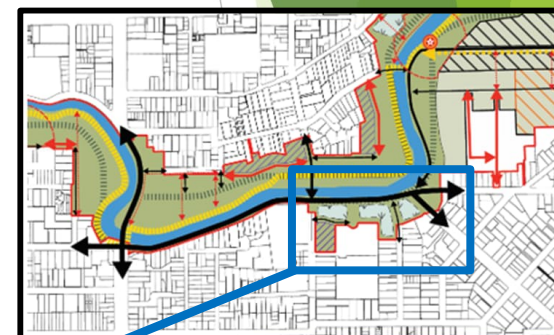


Presented by:
Greg Partridge, Richmond, Christchurch
May 2024

OARC Regeneration Plan

Stormwater Ponds on Avonside Drive

- Appendix 13.14.6 of the Otakaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan has identified a narrow strip of land on Avonside Drive, between Stanmore Road and Linwood Avenue, on which a series of stormwater detention ponds are proposed to be constructed.



Improving River Water Quality

► Christchurch City Council staff have confirmed the following:

- ❑ Street sumps and gutter grates are all that's preventing raw, untreated stormwater and road runoff from entering the river in the catchment area.
- ❑ Stormwater pipes discharge into the drains and streams that feed the Avon, and directly into the river itself.
- ❑ None of the stormwater pipe outlets are fitted with pollution filter nets or socks and the total number of stormwater outlet pipes that pour into Christchurch waterways is unknown by the City Council.



- The intention of the stormwater ponds is for rainwater to collect, allowing sediment and pollutants to settle before the stormwater is then permitted to discharge into the Otakaro Avon River.



Tree Canopy Destruction

- ❑ The allocated site for the proposed stormwater ponds is studded with well established trees that would be destroyed.
- ❑ Last year, at no cost to the Christchurch City Council, an additional 60 native trees and shrubs were purchased and planted on the land in an effort to further increase biodiversity, boost habitat for native wildlife, and to assist with ground stabilisation.



Council Staff want these goneincluding the native trees



Didn't Christchurch declare a Climate & Ecological Emergency?
Don't we want to increase tree canopy, not reduce it?

High Liquefaction Vulnerability Risk and Increased Likelihood and Severity of Ground Damage

Christchurch City Council commissioned Tonkin + Taylor to prepare a liquefaction vulnerability map which follows the most recent national liquefaction guidance.

Increasing likelihood and severity of ground damage

Medium
Liquefaction
Vulnerability

High
Liquefaction
Vulnerability



Decreasing
uncertainty in the
assessment

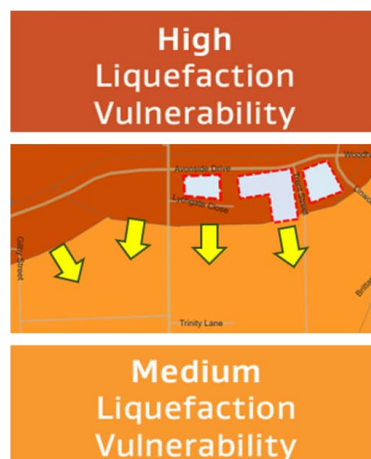
Infrastructure and Land Damage



Liquefaction and Lateral Spread
is costly

Relocate the Stormwater Ponds

Reduce the CCC's vulnerability and exposure to future
Financial Risk and Infrastructure Damage



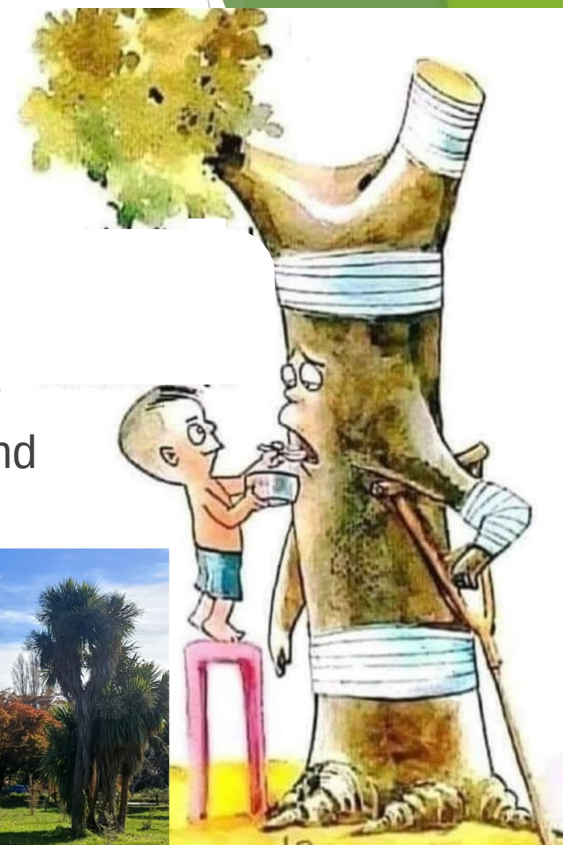
Construct stormwater ponds on land where no trees need to be felled

- ❑ Nearby alternative blocks of vacant land are already free of trees.
- ❑ None will need to be felled on these barren blocks to allow for the stormwater ponds to be constructed.



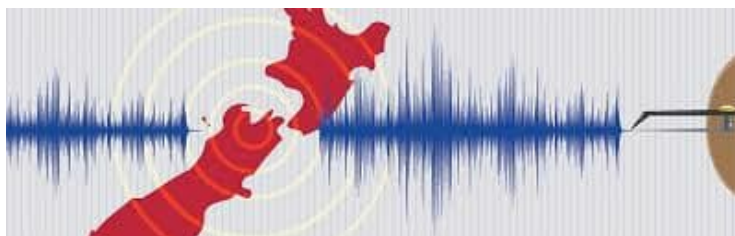
Be Fiscally Responsible Be Environmentally Responsible

- ✓ Construct the stormwater ponds on land that exposes the Council to less financial risk in the future.
- ✓ Construct the stormwater ponds on land that is already bare.
- ✓ Don't fell the trees – it's a cost to Christchurch Rate Payers and the environment.



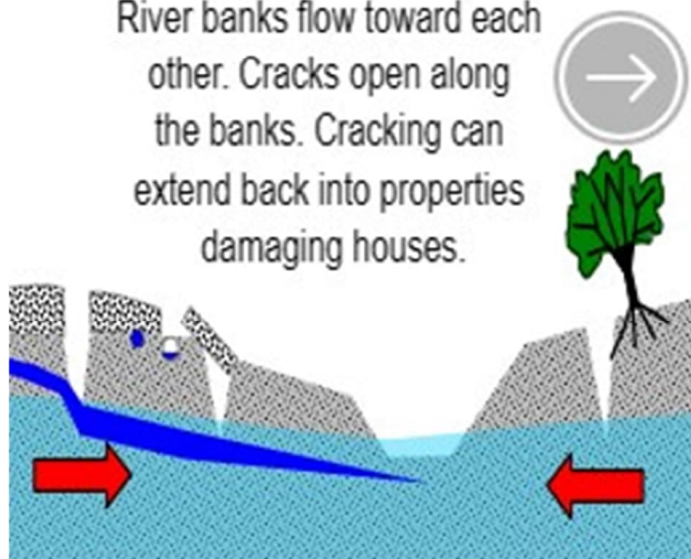


Thank you



Lateral spreading

River banks flow toward each other. Cracks open along the banks. Cracking can extend back into properties damaging houses.



During and after the earthquake

During the earthquake fine sand, silt and water moves up under pressure through cracks and other weak areas to erupt onto the ground surface. Near rivers the pressure is relieved to the side as the ground moves sideways into the river channels.

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 19/04/2024
First name: Debbie **Last name:** Tikao
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:
Ōnuku Rūnanga
What is your role in the organisation: Te
Taiao Portfolio Manager
Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?
☐ Yes
☒ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
Ōnuku Rūnanga represents the hapū of Ngāi Tārewa and Ngāti Irakehu, who are the tangata whenua of the takiwā which covers the Akaroa Harbour, surrounding coastal environment and hills as defined by the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998. Ōnuku Rūnanga believes the LTP represents a good balance of expenditure, with the exception of climate change adaptation measures and planning.

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
Yes

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
Yes

Capital programme - comments
Please see the attached document which outlines the support of Ōnuku Rūnanga for the budgeted \$94mil for the Akaroa reclaimed water treatment and reuse project.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
Please see the attached document which outlines the support of Ōnuku Rūnanga for the budgeted \$21mil for Takapūneke Reserve.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

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Bring forward \$1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice

Yes - bring \$1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice

Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments

Ōnuku Rūnanga strongly feels that 2027/28 will be too late to increase efforts in climate change adaptation planning. Climate change is happening at a faster rate than previously anticipated, we're seeing significant and highly destructive climate events happening around the globe and here. We support bringing forward the 1.8mil increase from 2027/28 to 2024/25. We also support the development of a climate resilience fund.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice

Yes.

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Onuku Runanga submission for the CCC draft LTP 2024 to 2034 Akaroa Wastewater
	Onuku Runanga submission for the CCC draft LTP 2024 to 2034 Takapuneke

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To: Christchurch City Council

Name of submitter: Ōnuku Rūnanga.

Date: 19th April 2024

This is a submission on the draft Christchurch City Council

Long Term Plan 2024-2034

In support of the budgeted funds for the Akaroa Reclaimed Water Treatment and Reuse Scheme.



Introduction

1. Ōnuku Rūnanga represents the hapū of Ngāi Tārewa and Ngāti Irakehu, who are the tangata whenua of the takiwā which covers the Akaroa Harbour, surrounding coastal environment and hills as defined by the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998.
2. Ōnuku Rūnanga have the responsibility to act as kaitiaki over these lands and are active in the environmental management of their takiwā. For Ōnuku Rūnanga, kaitiakitanga is an inherent responsibility that comes from whakapapa and is the act of safeguarding the mauri of the environment and ensuring the area is passed down to future generations in a state that is as good or better than its current state.

Background

3. On the 10th of December 2020, Christchurch City Council passed a resolution to support the Inner Bays Irrigation to Land Option for the proposed replacement Akaroa Wastewater project. This resolution ended a decades-long struggle between the Council and Ōnuku Rūnanga over the discharge of human waste into Akaroa Harbour.
4. This decision also meant that the Council would be able to commence the planning and design phase of the project, which will, in time, lead to the decommissioning of the existing Akaroa wastewater treatment plant off Takapūneke – a site of great cultural significance to mana whenua.
5. The Inner Bays option – now called the Akaroa Reclaimed Water Treatment and Reuse scheme will provide many benefits to the communities of Akaroa Harbour:
 - Improved water quality of the harbour for swimming, fishing, and recreation.
 - Improved indigenous biodiversity.
 - Future access to treated wastewater for irrigation/re-use purposes.
 - Improved climate change resilience.

Submission

6. Ōnuku Rūnanga supports the proposed budget of \$94mil for the Akaroa Reclaimed Water Treatment and Reuse scheme.
7. As noted above, Ōnuku Rūnanga believes that this outcome will have far-reaching benefits, especially with the increasing threats our communities are facing with climate change and the specific risk of increased draught and water shortages.

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To: Christchurch City Council
Name of submitter: Ōnuku Rūnanga
Date: 18th April 2024

**This is a submission on the draft Christchurch City Council
Long Term Plan 2024-2034**

In support of the budgeted funds for Takapūneke Reserve.



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Introduction

1. Ōnuku Rūnanga represents the hapū of Ngāi Tārewa and Ngāti Irakehu, who are the tangata whenua of the takiwā which covers the Akaroa Harbour, surrounding coastal environment and hills as defined by the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998.
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Site History

3. Takapūneke has a rich history which is outlined in detail in the Takapūneke Conservation Report 2012. Takapūneke is of immense cultural importance to both Ngāi Tahu and Pākehā. Takapūneke is also registered by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga as a wāhi tapu area. It was set aside as a Historic Reserve in 2010.

Submission

4. Ōnuku Rūnanga supports the budget of \$21mil to complete the Takapūneke Landscape Master Plan, approved by the Banks Peninsula Community Board on the 23rd of August 2021. Takapūneke Reserve is 13.8439 ha. The projects this funding will enable include:
 - Restoration of the immigration barracks building and transformation into an information centre.
 - Walkways, bush tracks, boardwalks, bridges, viewing platforms, and seating areas.
 - The main carpark off Ōnuku Road and a small, lower carpark adjacent to the Red House.
 - Public toilets.
 - Three Takarangi (double spiral feature gathering spaces with integrated art).
 - Two entrance waharoa (to provide shelter and information).
 - Interpretation panels and signage.
 - Development of audio tours.
 - Restoration of the Red House.
 - Removal of weed tree species.
 - Ecological restoration planting.
 - Shelter structure over one of the Takarangi.
5. The completed stage one of the Takapūneke is an increasingly popular destination for visitors to Akaroa. As a place that tells the story of how the events that occurred here led to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the shaping of our Nation. The landscape, design and mahi toi provide a physical and visual learning experience and connection to this spiritual place.

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6. Visits to Takapūneke form part of wānanga and educational programs that are held at Ōnuku Marae and will be part of the way in which the history of Akaroa and Aotearoa is taught within local schools.
7. Takapūneke is already starting to gain national and international attention as a successful example of co-governance between mana whenua and Council and an exceptional example of transformation – of values and understanding, of a place of pain and sorry to a place of hope and pride, and from a place of pasts to a place of futures.
8. The Akaroa Museum has commenced an exhibition on Takapūneke, which showcases the long journey it has taken Ōnuku Rūnanga to get to this point and the many community members, Council staff, and others who have supported along the way. The exhibition also provides insight and explanation of the landscape design and cultural components.
9. The funding will support future plans for Takapūneke which include the development of a visitor and information facility, gathering structures and features that will contribute to enhancing the unique experience of this place, and create an exciting and meaningful destination for visitors from around the globe. The aspiration is for Takapūneke to be the Waitangi of the South Island. Ōnuku Rūnanga believes this is something that will benefit the wider community and businesses of Akaroa and Ōtautahi.

Takapūneke Reserve – Background and Project Status

10. On the adoption of the Takapūneke Reserve Management Plan on the 7th June 2018, the Takapūneke Co-Governance Group was formed. This group consists of three elected representatives from Ōnuku Rūnanga and three representatives from Christchurch City Council. The Mission Statement of this group as stated in the Terms of Reference is as follows:

“Ōnuku Rūnanga and Christchurch City Council will stand side by side as true partners to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the deep spiritual connection between mana whenua and Takapūneke, so that the stories of this place will live on to guide future generations and build understanding of and connection to this wāhi tapu”.¹

11. The purpose of the Co-Governance Group includes providing guidance on the management and development of Takapūneke Reserve. Decisions made by the Co-Governance Group shall be in accordance with the Takapūneke Reserve Management Plan 2018 and the Christchurch City Council's Register of Delegations, 13 September 2018.
12. The Co-Governance group developed the Landscape Master Plan for the reserve. The Landscape Master Plan is consistent with the Takapūneke Reserve Management Plan and encapsulates a cultural design framework that reflects and respects the history of the area, while creating a place which is for the community to reflect, learn and experience.
13. Ōnuku Rūnanga in partnership with CCC have been working together over the past 6 years to design and deliver stage one of the Landscape Master Plan, which was officially opened to the public on Matariki 2022.

¹ Takapūneke Co-Governance Group - Terms of reference

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14. Stage one consists of the first takarangi, Pou tū te Raki o Te Maiharanui, toi Māori elements (whāriki entrance, sandblasted inserts into the pathway and entrance pou), connecting pathway between the Takarangi and temporary carpark, interpretation panels, seating, audio tour and planting.
15. In 2021 Christchurch City Council expressed their commitment to Takapūneke and acknowledge the significance of this site when they purchased the Red House to ensure Takapūneke was made whole for the benefit of future generations.
16. The blessing of Pou tū te Raki o Te Maiharanui and the opening of stage one of Takapūneke Reserve occurred on Matariki 2022. This was a significant event that received much media coverage and was attended by Minister Carmel Sepuloni, former Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Banks Peninsula Community Board members, Christchurch City Council Councillors and other dignitaries.
17. Ōnuku Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu through the Ngāi Tahu fund have contributed \$50,000 towards the design and fabrication of Pou tū te Raki o Te Maiharanui and entrance palisade. Ōnuku Rūnanga has also contributed significant time and resources to ensure this project meets the aspirations and values of mana whenua. Ōnuku Rūnanga has also contributed \$9,000 towards purchasing native plants and will contribute a further \$15,000 for planting in 2024.

Draft Long Term Plan – oral submissions – 11.5.2024

Avonhead Community Group Inc.

1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit before the Council on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024. I am submitting in my capacity as Chair of the Avonhead Community Group or ACG. We filed written submissions on the Draft LTP on 20 April 2024.
2. The ACG is a neutral and non-political community group. We formed as a residents' group in 2012 and became an incorporated society in 2013. Our objective is to secure the best interests of Avonhead and neighboring suburbs Russley, Burnside, Bryndwr and Ilam by ensuring sustainable development. The area we cover has much above 8,000 households.
3. There are three topics in our written submissions that I wish to expand on. The first is rates rises, secondly, transport, and thirdly, water. These topics affect everyone living in Christchurch, including residents in the areas represented by the ACG. I anticipate that the sentiments of the ACG will resonate with residents across many other parts of the city.

On Rates rises

4. Rates have been steadily increasing every year since the earthquake. In previous years this was justified as fair because property values had also been increasing. In the last year, property values have stalled or even dropped. Yet this year, we are faced with the biggest proposed rates rise yet: 13.24%.
5. How can Christchurch residents afford rates rises of this kind – that too while the country is in a recession and inflation is so high? They cannot – not unless they are among the top percent of income earners. Christchurch has a relatively high percentage of elderly and fixed income earners who are already struggling to keep up with the cost of living. Adding to their expenses of owning property is not equitable. And it is also not fair that these people should have to move further out to areas with lower rates rises – further away from the higher-level medical care and other facilities available in Christchurch.
6. And it is not just homeowners who will struggle with the proposed rates rises. Renters will also struggle. That is because homeowners will pass on the increased costs of owning homes in the form of higher rent to renters. Given that many renters are people who have not been able to afford homes in the first place, it is particularly unfair to burden them further.

7. Rates rises of 13.24% will push renters and some homeowners out of Christchurch. For those that stay, they will have less money to spend on other things. All of this would have a follow-on effect on Christchurch businesses that are already facing difficult times in the recession.
8. We understand that the Council has financial challenges and needs to raise revenue. However, are rates rises of 13.24% really the only way forward?
9. During consultation, the question asked was: “should we be maintaining our existing levels of service and level investment in our core infrastructure and facilities, which will mean a proposed average rates increase of 13.24%”. The question is phrased in a way that you can’t say “no” to a rates rise of 13.24% without saying that existing levels of service and investment would decrease. This presupposes that rates rises of 13.24% are the only way.
10. The ACG does not support decreasing levels of service, nor the proposed rates rise. There are other ways to maintain existing service levels which the Draft LTP does not seem to have considered adequately. We have suggested two alternatives – the sale of unproductive assets which are lacking in return and/or enhanced earnings through businesses where the Council is a shareholder. These options should be considered in conjunction with a review of the Council’s funding of different organizations and whether the funding is justified, having regard to their contribution to society and whether they should be able to obtain funds from private sources. There are Council-funded organizations whose top-level staff are drawing high salaries; it does not send a positive message to ratepayers to fund these organizations to the extent they are capable of self-funding through more efficient use of their earnings.
11. We acknowledge that some level of rates rise is almost inevitable, even though that is burdensome. However, it should not be anywhere near a 13.24% rates rise. The Council should find ways of bringing rates down to well within the single-digit range. The rest of the Council’s revenue can come from the alternatives we have suggested

On Transport Planning

12. In the past few years, the Council has moved to make roads safer for cyclists and experimented with road design in several areas. A successful example where cyclists and car users can use the road safely and conveniently alongside each other is along Sumner. An extremely unsuccessful example where the attempt to

redesign the roads has made driving extremely frustrating is Ilam Road, next to the University. Another unsuccessful example in the making appears to be Harewood Road, which is so strongly opposed by locals and businesses.

13. The ACG has no issue in principle with making cycling safer. What we do take issue to is the fact that car users are being increasingly disincentivized – be it through road design, speed limits, lack of parking or parking charges.
14. Cars are the preferred mode of travel for the vast majority of Christchurch residents. It is a necessity for the elderly and many people with limited mobility. If a person goes shopping on a bike or on a bus, there is only so much space they have to carry things back – and this means they will generally spend less in a shop compared to people who have driven there in their own car. Reducing accessibility for car users makes no sense from a business perspective, or from a mobility or convenience perspective.
15. There are some who say that we should move away from cars because they are bad for the environment. This is not a forward-looking view. Environment-friendly cars are becoming increasingly the norm. But like fuel-run cars, they need to be able to use the roads conveniently and find places to park without paying excessive parking fees.
16. The Draft LTP is proposing to spend \$199 million on major cycling projects / programmes over the next 10 years. But apart from structural maintenance, it does not look like the Council has any plans for conveniencing car users. On the other hand, key parks are now also getting parking fees. If the cycleways are designed in anyway like Ilam Road, then it is likely that they will end up disadvantaging car users significantly more than they benefit cyclists.
17. The ACG submits that instead of designing “cycleways” as such, the Council should use the money to design roads that are convenient and safe for both cars and cyclists. This may require the Council to rethink existing designs that are yet to be implemented. But it will be an investment in Christchurch’s future.

On Water

18. I wish to make two points in relation to Christchurch’s water system. The first is that the current water tax system is inequitable in that houses with shared water meters or without water meters are not (to my understanding) subject to the water tax. This means that the water tax cannot be enforced uniformly. Secondly, the current system only allows remissions for families with more than eight members.

This is too high a threshold. The daily water usage limits should be directly proportional to the number of household members: for example, a two-member household should be allowed to use more water daily than a one-member household, and so on. This in turn will require a system for households to establish the number of members (for example through proof of address) to qualify for different water use brackets.

19. Lastly, Christchurch's pure tap-water has historically been a point of pride. The Council should ensure in the LTP that Christchurch has safe drinking water without needing chlorination.