

**Waitai/Coastal-Burwood Community Board
Submissions Committee
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

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New Brighton

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SUBMISSION TO: Christchurch City Council

ON: Draft Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Change Strategy 2021

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Waitai/Coastal-Burwood Community Board appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the Christchurch City Council on the Draft Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Change Strategy 2021.

The Board wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

2. SUBMISSION

Board Comments:

The Waitai/Coastal-Burwood Community Board (the Board) broadly support the four Goals in the Draft Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Change Strategy 2021.

This submission focusses substantively on Goal 2: *We understand and are preparing for the ongoing impacts of climate change.*

The Board would like to highlight the following points in relation to each of the Strategy programmes.

Programme 1

The Board supports the approach outlined in this programme.

Programme 2

While the Board supports the gathering of data that monitors changes as a result of climate change, it is noted that regular updates on local climate and sea level rise has not been forthcoming for our Wards. It is not sufficient to gather data about changes that impact on our communities, this must be followed up with frequent reporting back to our communities as data is available. This can be done via Residents Association Forums, which the Community Board provides as a responsibility.

This reporting should happen in a way that acknowledges the impact the information may have on coastal communities, and be presented in a factual and straightforward way that our communities can understand. Sea level monitoring data, ground water data, sand budget reports, potential projects and all options that address these issues should be provided for discussion in forums.

Programme 3

It is vital that our coastal communities are included in any planning and decision making that Council does about adapting to future climate change challenges. In order for this engagement to be meaningful and productive our Wards will need to build capacity and capability. This will require funding for facilitation and expert consultation within our communities to empower them to understand what is happening, what the future looks like, and to make good decisions. Not all of our future-impacted communities have representation via a community organisation or resident's association at present, for example, Wainoni, and New Brighton (West). Efforts to give these areas (and others not identified here) the ability to represent themselves are imperative to keep communities fully informed.

When the Council engages with our communities, it is important that this is done in a way that acknowledges the specific concerns that exist around these issues for our locals. It is their homes (their main asset) and communities that are at most risk. There is an well-documented low-level of underlying anxiety in our Wards that stems from our experiences during and after the earthquakes, and this is exacerbated by conversations that we need to have about sea level rise effects and how they will impact our people. It is also accepted that other unprecedented events such as the March 2019 terrorist attack and Covid19 has impacted the mental health in all our communities.

Programme 4

While the Board accepts that some areas within our Wards will used to create wetland, intertidal habitats and stormwater catchment, this should not be done at the expense of building and maintaining infrastructure for the people who live in coastal areas. There needs to be a balance between allowing encroachment to occur, and protecting our assets. Groundwater flood encroachment needs to be considered in all developments near residential areas.

Programme 5

The Board supports the idea of natural restoration through planting of native forests, as this will be a great asset to our city for future generations. However, this should not be at the expense of existing exotic trees that provide canopy cover and food foraging opportunities. Christchurch is known as the Garden City, and we do not want to lose this aspect of our city. As our Mayor has previously said: "'If we're going to live up to our reputation as a garden city then we've got to look a lot better than we do at the moment...unrestrained nature in the form of weeds does not make for a beautiful environment befitting our country's Garden City.'" (The Press, July 3, 2017)

Programme 6

The Board supports this programme. Christchurch has been an electronics hub in the past, and it would be great if we could be a green technology and innovation hub in the future.

Programme 7

The Board acknowledges that changing our modes of transport is a key aspect of addressing climate change. We would like to see public transport that is not just adequate but that is world class – frequent, reliable, convenient and affordable for all residents.

As well as focusing on public and active transport, the Council needs to look at capacity planning for our roading network so that people who need to use cars do so in the most efficient manner possible.

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Programme 8

The Board would encourage the Council to pursue an expansion of the existing subsidy schemes available through Community Energy Action to include switching from gas to electricity for home heating.

Programme 9

The Board would like to see an increased emphasis on recycling, as this is a central part of a zero waste strategy. We would like to see more recycle bins alongside rubbish bins in public places.

The Board would like to see relationships and funding maintained with Keep Christchurch Beautiful, who promote waste management and minimisation – this organisation engages with locals to show them ways that they can get involved in waste reduction.

Programme 10

The Board supports the commitment to a sustainable food system. We believe that urban Food production needs to be close to our communities. This can be encouraged through the development of community gardens and urban farms. We are supportive of Council's policy on growing fruit trees within our communities.

The Board notes a concern that urban spread jeopardise food production areas as this reduces the availability of land suitable for food production, for example, Marshland Road.



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2. SUBMISSION

Overall, do you think you and/or your community of interest will be fairly represented by the proposed number of councillors, wards and community boards?

Yes

Board Comments:

The Waitai/Coastal-Burwood Community Board (the Board) supports the retention of 16 Councillors and 16 Wards, as this provides fair representation across the city. We support the reduction of Community Boards from six to five to make all Boards three Ward Boards. This means that each Board will be fairly represented around the Council table.

Overall, do you think the proposed boundaries will reflect your community and/or communities of interest?

Yes

Board Comments:

The Board supports the proposed boundaries in general, but raise some concerns:

- Some within the Coastal Ward would prefer that the coastal communities in Banks Peninsula, Heathcote and Coastal be combined into a Board, as these three Wards create a community of interest around their specific concerns and issues relating to climate change and sea level rise.
- Creating a Board that combines Coastal, Burwood and Linwood communities could make it more difficult for our representatives to adequately advocate for our people. These Wards were impacted disproportionately by the earthquakes, are still dealing with the legacy of those events, and they are areas of high deprivation. This means they may not have the same capacity and capability to advocate on their own behalf.
- If the Coastal, Burwood and Linwood Wards are combined, we expect that this would come with adequate community funding and support that recognise these concerns.

- The Board acknowledges that the Council has to balance the number of residents representatives in each Ward, but notes that mesh blocks are not the best way to define communities of interest, as these blocks divide communities that work and live closely together. Examples of this include:
 - The boundary along Waitikiri Drive (centre line of the road) will continue to split a community with anyone located on the West side being in the Burwood Ward and anyone on the East being in Coastal. The Board requests that the boundary move to be Bottle Lake Forest, so that the community are located in one Ward.
 - The boundary between Richmond (in the Innes Ward) and Dallington (in the Burwood Ward) does not reflect these resident's community of interest. The suburb of Richmond should be wholly contained within the Innes Ward so that they do not have to address two Boards when they discuss issues in their suburb.
 - For the same reasons outlined above, we would suggest the area of Bexley Road, Breezes Road and Pages Road remain in the Burwood Ward, rather than being moved into the Linwood Ward.

Do you have any other comments about the initial proposal?

We would like to thank the staff involved in this Representation Review, particularly Chris Turner-Bullock. We understand what a huge effort it is to balance all the factors that make good representation and we believe staff have done a good job of this.



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