

**Christchurch City Council**  
**ATTACHMENTS UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

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53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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# Te Kaha Consultation

Submissions Thematic Analysis

Prepared by Monitoring and Research

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### **How to use this document**

This document outlines the results of consultation with residents on whether we should invest up to an additional \$150 million to allow the Te Kaha multi-use arena to continue as currently planned.

The first section contains the basic demographic and geographic breakdown of submitters, and where possible provides city comparisons. While we received a significant number of submissions, submitters were not representative of the wider population Christchurch City. As with all consultation processes it is important that when referencing the opinions provided by submitters, no inferences are made to them being representative of the views of all residents.

The purpose of the thematic (qualitative) component of this document is not to provide analysis on everything that submitters commented on, but rather to provide a summary of key topics and issues identified by submitters.

The thematic analysis is based on the opinions of submitters, whether they are factually correct or not.

## Key Messages

We received thousands of submissions for the Te Kaha Multi-Use Arena consultation, both from residents of Christchurch, surrounding districts, wider New Zealand and overseas, and from individuals and organisations. Submitters addressed a variety of issues and expressed many opinions either in support of investing up to an additional \$150 million to see the project continue as planned, to stop the project altogether or to pause the project and re-evaluate.

### **Invest up to an additional \$150 million**

The majority of submitters would like to see the Council invest up to an additional \$150 million to see the project continue as planned. Submitters who identified as male were more likely to support this option, as well as submitters aged under the age of 25. Submitters from surrounding Canterbury districts and the rest of New Zealand are also highly supportive of investing up to an additional \$150 million, tending to be more supportive of this option compared to submitters from Christchurch City.

There was a clear message from the majority who want us to invest up to an additional \$150 million that they just want to see us get on with it. There were indications from these submitters that we (the city and the region) deserve this facility, particularly after all we have been through over the past 10 years.

There was some acknowledgement from these submitters that investing in the project would be a significant financial decision for the city, and that we should be working with our neighbours and other interested parties to help reduce the financial burden on city ratepayers and residents.

There was general agreement from these submitters that if getting the project underway and completed meant additional rates increases, then this is something that they were prepared to accept. However, many noted that first they would like us to look at other options for finding additional funding, including naming rights, asset sales, deferring or diverting funds from other projects, ticket surcharges, fundraising campaigns, and other sponsorship opportunities.

These submitters told us that they are sick of having to travel to other cities to attend events, and want to be able to host events in Christchurch and spend their money locally. There was discussion around the employment opportunities that this would bring to the city, and the vibrancy it would create and the significant benefits for local businesses. There was some discussion that over the long term the facility will pay for itself, and that the economic and social benefits will outweigh any long-term debt burden.

### **Stop the project altogether or pause and re-evaluate**

Just under a quarter of submitters are not supportive of investing up to an additional \$150 million. They would instead rather see the project stopped altogether, or to pause and re-evaluate the project. Submitters who would like the project to be paused and re-evaluated were more likely to be aged 65 years or over, and to identify as either female or non-binary. Similarly, submitters who would like to see the project stopped altogether were more likely to identify as female or non-binary.



































































































































