

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

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**Date:** Monday 20 February 2023  
**Time:** 3.30 pm  
**Venue:** Boardroom, Corner Beresford and Union Streets,  
New Brighton

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**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council

**ON:** Ōtautahi Christchurch Urban Forest Plan

**BY:** Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the Christchurch City Council on the Ōtautahi Christchurch Urban Forest Plan.

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

## 2. SUBMISSION

Please provide any comments you have on the Plan (is there anything we have missed, is there anything you would like considered?) please be specific as possible to help us understand your views.

1. The Board notes that there appears to be nothing in policy on how to deal with dead trees or tree stumps once they have been cut down.
2. After trees have been cut down, the roots are often still growing and can cause issues with infrastructure. The Board ask that consideration be given to including something within the policy for disposal of stumps, where necessary.
3. Planting more trees require higher service levels for clearing the stormwater network. The Board queries whether this has been taken into account in costs of implementing the policy and asks if it has been what the costs of those increased service levels are.
4. The Board would like to see existing trees retained unless there is a sound ecological reason for their removal.
5. The Board strongly endorses, the principle of when removing one tree, two more trees are replanted.

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6. The Board endorse Goal 2 of the action plan to base tree selection on species' needs and attributes that benefit the immediate environment (2.3).



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**Do you support the proposed changes to the Bylaw?**

- Yes in Part – see comments below

**Are Shopping trolleys on public land an issue that needs to be addressed?**

- No

**Comments:**

1. The Board has concerns regarding the impact of clauses 21 and 22, the proportionality of potential enforcement measures, and the delegations to the CEO to change regulations under the by-law.
2. Clause 21 (1) reads:  
No person may deposit, cause, permit or authorise the deposit of any unaddressed mail or advertising material in any letterbox which is clearly marked “no circulars”, “no junk mail”, “addressed mail only” or with words of similar effect, (a) Around or near any such letterbox or associated vehicle access-way; (b) On any vehicle parked in a public place; or (c) in a letterbox that is already full of mail and/or advertising materials.
3. The definition of advertising material is:  
*Advertising material means any message which: (a) has printed content controlled directly or indirectly by the advertiser; and (b) is expressed in any language and communicated in any medium with the intent to influence the choice, opinion or behaviour of a person.*  
*Explanatory Note: Advertising material includes material such as circulars, leaflets, flyers, brochures, business cards, samples and clothing donation bags.*

4. When coupled with clause 26, an individual could be fined \$20,000 for breaching this, which seems excessive. It could have a chilling effect on civic discourse, for instance what happens if everyone has one of those signs? The consultation documents there's no Bill of Rights Act (BORA) impacts, but section 14 of BORA says: *"Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form."*
5. The Board questions how postal communications from the *Council*, such as flyers, would be covered should this proposal be adopted. E.g. Start Work Notices etc.
6. Clause 22 (1),  
No person may: (a) Allow any accumulation of waste on any premises they own, occupy or manage to become offensive, a nuisance or likely to be injurious to health; or (b) Use an approved receptacle in a manner that creates a nuisance, is offensive or is likely to be injurious to health.
7. When coupled with clause 26, this could see impoverished and unwell people further marginalised. It also creates room for malicious and vexatious complaints from neighbours. The Board are concerned about people who are without financial or psychosocial resources being mistreated.
8. Taking a trailer-load of rubbish to the dump is not within everyone's capability or resources, if the Council going to have the "stick" then we need to provide some kind of hard rubbish collection/service for people who are in need (at least).
9. The Board asks how will the Council address the significant equity issues surrounding how to deal with waste?
10. The Board would like the principle of proportionality with regard to any enforcement measures to be explicitly stated in the by-law.
11. The Board suggests under the draft terms and conditions for kerbside collections and community collections points, that the *"CEO may with agreement of the full Council, or relevant committee"* make changes.



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