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## Christchurch City Council AGENDA

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### Notice of Meeting Te Pānui o te Hui:

An ordinary meeting of the Christchurch City Council will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday 14 April 2026  
**Time:** 11.15 am Hearing  
**Venue:** Camellia Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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### Membership

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauer
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## **1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha**

Apologies will be recorded at the meeting.

## **2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.





### 3. Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 - Hearing of verbal submissions - Tuesday 14 April 2026

Reference Te Tohutoro: 26/716594  
Responsible Officer(s) Te Cathy Harlow, Democratic Services Advisor  
Pou Matua: Samantha Kelly, Team Leader Democratic Services  
Accountable ELT Helen White, General Counsel / Director of Legal & Democratic  
Member Pouwhakarae: Services

#### 1. Brief Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Council to receive the attached volume of submissions of those wishing to be heard at the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 hearing held on Tuesday 14 April 2026.
- 1.2 Attachment A contains the hearing schedule.
- 1.3 Attachment B contains a volume of submissions.

#### Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

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**Schedule of submitters – Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 – 14 April 2026**

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2026

**First Name:** Jenny    **Last Name:** Bond

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Te Tuna Tāone – Urban Eel Action Learning Programme

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document](#) or on our website here. Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

[see attached submission]

Submission to Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

From: Te Tuna Tāone / Urban Eel Action Learning Programme



## Introduction

Te Tuna Tāone appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

Te Tuna Tāone is a locally developed, place-based environmental education and action programme working with kura across Ōtautahi. Our kaupapa is to restore and protect our urban waterways so that the longfin tuna may first survive and then thrive.

Through a year-long action learning programme, ākongā learn about their local awa and are supported to design and deliver their real-world projects that improve waterway health for tuna and all living things connected to these ecosystems.

Since 2018, the programme has grown from a response to declining freshwater health (urban river syndrome) into a proven model that builds ecological knowledge, behaviour change, and community action. Facilitated by Jenny Bond, and supported by Arapata Reuben, Ngāi Tūāhuriri mana whenua, councils, and community partners, Te Tuna Tāone develops confident young tangata tiaki (guardians) who influence their whānau, kura and wider communities.

**Our submission reflects both our on-the-ground delivery experience and the collective insights of the wider waterways network, grounded in the understanding that when tuna thrive, our waterways and communities thrive also. He tuna ora, he wai ora.**

### 1. Support for Community Funding

We strongly support maintaining and strengthening **Contestable Community Grants** and the **Environmental Partnerships Fund**.

These funds are critical enablers of community-led action that directly contributes to our kaupapa of ensuring tuna can survive and thrive. In our experience, each dollar invested by Council is multiplied many times over through volunteer hours, in-kind support, and community-led initiatives. Funding enables us to work directly with kura, where ākongā become advocates within their own communities—often encouraging behaviour change more effectively than traditional top-down approaches, as mentioned to us by the public.

Recent delivery highlights both scale and impact. From January 2025 to January 2026, funding supported approximately **652 Te Tuna Tāone facilitator hours and 30 cultural advisor (mana whenua) hours — a total of 682 paid hours**. This generated:

- over **3,000 attendee hours**
- **31 hours from 8 people** paid by their home organisations
- **268 hours from 237 volunteers**

It is important to note these attendee numbers are lower than actual reality, as they only record the hours the facilitator spends with ākongā and kaiako. They do not include the many in-kind

hours when kaiako and ākongā continue tuna mahi, in and outside class time, inspired by Te Tuna Tāone.

In terms of impact:

- **94% of ākongā that complete the programme can report a behaviour change they have done that would help the awa**
- **100% of participants can identify what they can do to make life better for tuna**

The most common action ākongā have taken is creating and delivering educational and behaviour change resources, followed by rubbish clean-ups and thirdly weeding to support plant survival and planting.

Reducing these funds would not create efficiencies—it would result in an immediate loss of delivery and slow progress toward healthy waterways where tuna can thrive. We support not only maintaining but increasing these funds to meet growing demand.

We also recommend that Council explore longer-term or multi-year funding arrangements for well-established programmes and community organisations to support sustained outcomes for tuna and their habitats. Such as providing annual line items for them in the Council budget. This has been done in the past and would save considerable community time in completing funding applications and allow for confidence on planning and delivering on medium to long term projects. Currently it is often year by year survival for groups, if that.

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## 2. Value of Community-Led Delivery

Te Tuna Tāone (TTT) aligns strongly with the value of community-led, place-based delivery across the Avon Ōtākaro catchment, Te Ihutai and the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network.

Community organisations deliver:

- Environmental restoration and kaitiakitanga/stewardship
- Education and behaviour change
- Strong connections between people and place

The value of community-led is demonstrated by ākongā answers to this question “What was their WOW moment – what surprised you about your mahi/work this year?” **the most common response from ākongā in 2025 was their action mahi component of TTT.** It was mentioned more frequently by ākongā who had been into the community a public place or engaged with the public to carry out their mahi. In second place was “Touching the Tuna” (more common amongst very young children) And almost joint for third place was “Weeding & Planting” (seeing progress from their previous mahi) and comments around “Doing Science at the awa or just going to the awa”.

These outcomes directly contribute to healthier awa and improved conditions for tuna. They are often achieved at significantly lower cost than Council delivery, while also building social capital and long-term resilience. And as mentioned previously, **community led delivery is often better received by the public than traditional governmental led initiatives because it**

is one part of the community advocating to their wider community especially when it comes to behaviour change.

Through our work, we see that **environmental learning and ākonga-initiated action leads to improvements for our urban waterway environment, and in turn grows the long-term belief and confidence that people’s initiatives can make a real difference on the ground when supported**—a lifelong lesson one anticipates ākonga carry with them into adulthood and thus building stronger civic minded people.

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### 3. Three Waters and Stormwater Outcomes

We strongly support continued investment in **Three Waters**, particularly where it integrates infrastructure with education and community engagement.

Improving waterway health so tuna can thrive requires both:

- Physical improvements (stormwater treatment, habitat restoration, sediment control), and
- Behaviour change at source (reducing pollution entering the system) with industry, landowners and the public.

Programmes like Te Tuna Tāone directly support Council’s stormwater discharge consent by helping communities understand how their actions affect waterways and by reducing pollution at source—creating better conditions for tuna survival.

We encourage Council to continue recognising community education as a **core component of water management**, essential for achieving long-term ecological outcomes.

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### 4. Investment in Healthy Waterways

We support operational and capital investment that improves:

- Stormwater quality
- Natural river flows
- Native habitat and biodiversity, both in-stream and on land
- Fish passage and ecological connectivity

These investments are fundamental to our kaupapa. Tuna are a keystone species—**if longfin tuna cannot survive, the wider ecosystem is already under stress; if longfin tuna thrive, it signals a healthy, functioning waterway.**

We particularly support:

- Improved on the ground monitoring and enforcement for effective implementation of erosion and sediment controls from those operations that produce sediment or other contaminants and pollutants that enter the stormwater network – it is key to reduce pollution at source, from works done inside and outside the council.
- Improved stormwater treatment and sediment management

- Remediation of barriers to fish migration
- Naturalisation of waterways and removal of hard linings
- Increased native planting and habitat restoration

Each of these contributes to creating conditions where tuna cannot just survive but thrive.

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### 5. Climate Resilience

We strongly support retaining and strengthening the **Climate Resilience Fund**.

Climate impacts are already affecting Christchurch waterways and further, placing additional pressure on ecosystems for species like tuna whose lifecycle includes the deep ocean trenches. Ensuring tuna can survive into the future will require:

- Nature-based solutions
- Catchment-wide planning
- Community preparedness and engagement and decisive action

Reducing investment in climate resilience will increase future risks and costs and undermine progress toward healthy waterways and reduce the longfin tuna's chances of survival.

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### 6. Partnership with Council

We would like to acknowledge the strong support and collaboration from Council staff. Notably, the Christchurch Waterways Partnership, Parks Programmes and Partnerships, their rangers, Community Grants as well as ecology and landscape architects. Their willingness to share expertise and work alongside community programmes has been instrumental in improving outcomes for waterways and longfin tuna.

We see significant opportunity to deepen this partnership by:

- Integrating community expertise into Council-led projects
- Resourcing community participation in delivery
- Supporting collaborative approaches with landowners and local communities

Working together strengthens our shared ability to achieve the kaupapa of healthy waterways where tuna first survive then thrive.

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### Conclusion

Te Tuna Tāone urges Christchurch City Council to:

- Maintain and increase community funding mechanisms
- Invest in integrated Three Waters solutions that include education and engagement
- Continue and expand funding for climate resilience

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- Support long-term, place-based partnerships with community organisations

Our experience shows that when ākonga understand their awa and the needs of longfin tuna, they take meaningful action—and bring their communities with them.

By continuing to invest in community-led approaches alongside infrastructure, Council can ensure that Christchurch’s waterways are not only functioning, but one day flourish—**so that longfin tuna may first survive and then thrive. He tuna ora, he wai ora.**

We wish to be heard.

**Ngā mihi mahana**

**Jenny Bond**

**Programme lead and facilitator**

Te Tuna Tāone – Action Learning Programme



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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 26/03/2026

**First Name:** Peter **Last Name:** Carrell

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Anglican Diocese of Christchurch

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

I am the Bishop of Christchurch and we represent thousands of Anglicans in Christchurch city

### Feedback

#### Short submission form

This is our short submission form. Got more to say? Use our [full submission form](#).

Our full submission form includes a wider range of questions so you can provide feedback on more topics, such as the general rate business differential, the Climate Resilience Fund, contestable community grants, the Environmental Partnership Fund, areas of our capital programme, and the potential sale of Council-owned properties. You can answer any questions you wish and leave the others blank.

### Rates

**Do you support our proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers (which is higher than the 5.80% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.4%?**

[Read more about rates from page 19 of the Consultation Document \(or about rates generally from page 24 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

Yes.

**Do you have any comments on the proposed average rates increase?**

It is important that we are a city which functions well to the benefit of all citizens and which offers excellent hospitality to all visitors.

### Grants, funding, fees and charges

We're proposing some updates to our grants, funding, and fees/charges. Some fees will stay the same, while others will increase to keep up with rising costs. We're also proposing changes to our grants and funding so they reflect what the community needs as well as what the Council can afford, with some programmes receiving more support and others changing.

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document or on our website here. Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.](#)

**Do you support the overall direction of our proposed changes to grants, funding, and fees/charges?**

Yes.

### Restoring our iconic buildings

We want your views on investing in the restoration of four 'iconic' buildings – Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury Museum, Canterbury Provincial Chambers and Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre. We estimate that the total funding gap between the

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estimated restoration costs and the funds committed from all sources is around \$290 million. Closing this gap would require funding from multiple sources, including central government. Any contribution the Council makes would also have an impact on rates increases.

[Read more about the iconic buildings on page 28 of the Consultation Document.](#)

**How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?**

Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy.

**Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?**

Our comments are in a document submitted as part of this process.

**Future feedback?**

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents. You can read the Christchurch City Council's privacy statement [here](#).

Yes.

Attached Documents

*Diocese of Christchurch*



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## Submission to Christchurch City Council

### Standing Committee – Anglican Diocese of Christchurch

#### Reinstatement and Reopening of Christ Church Cathedral

Dear Mayor Phil Mauger and Councillors,

Greetings.

I write on behalf of the Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, the executive committee of the Synod governing the Diocese.

We respectfully submit that Council funding for the reopening of Christ Church Cathedral should be treated as a very high priority within the Council's 2026/2027 Annual Plan.

For almost 150 years Christ Church Cathedral has stood at the heart of Christchurch's identity. As the spiritual home of Anglican worship in the city, it has also been a place where generations of Christchurch people, of many faiths and of none, have gathered for civic commemorations, concerts, celebrations, and moments of shared grief.

Since the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011, the absence of the cathedral has been deeply felt. Its restoration is widely recognised as one of the final steps in completing the recovery of our city centre.

The completion and reopening of the cathedral will bring significant benefits to Christchurch:

- The restoration of one of the city's most important heritage buildings and historic landmarks.
- The completion of the vision for Cathedral Square as the civic heart of Christchurch.
- The return of a daily place of worship, prayer, and reflection in the centre of the city.
- A renewed venue for concerts, exhibitions, lectures, and civic events open to the whole community.
- A significant visitor attraction, expected to draw more than 750,000 visitors annually, contributing to the vibrancy of the central city.



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Since 2017 the Diocese of Christchurch has been firmly committed to the reinstatement of Christ Church Cathedral and has worked constructively with many partners to progress this complex and significant heritage project. The Diocese has contributed substantial resources and continues to seek philanthropic and community support.

However, many potential donors have expressed hesitation in committing their support until the Council provides clear leadership and funding for this project. The Council's decision to lead the way with financial and public support will be a signal that this project is a priority for the city and will catalyse further philanthropic and community contributions.

The restoration of Christ Church Cathedral is not only about a church building. It is about restoring one of Christchurch's defining landmarks and ensuring that it once again serves the civic, cultural, and spiritual life of the whole city.

When reopened, the cathedral will be a living building: a place where daily worship continues, where visitors are welcomed, where music and art flourish, and where the people of Christchurch can gather in times of celebration and remembrance.

We therefore strongly encourage the Council to prioritise a quantum of funding and support toward the completion and reopening of Christ Church Cathedral as part of its commitment to the ongoing renewal of Christchurch. By doing so, the Council will demonstrate the leadership needed to unlock wider community and philanthropic investment in this important project.

Yours sincerely,



*The Rt Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell  
Chair, Standing Committee  
Anglican Diocese of Christchurch*

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 25/03/2026

**First Name:** Gavin **Last Name:** Holley

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Church Property Trustees

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

General Manager

### Feedback

#### Restoring our iconic buildings

We want your views on investing in the restoration of four 'iconic' buildings – Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury Museum, Canterbury Provincial Chambers and Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre. We estimate that the total funding gap between the estimated restoration costs and the funds committed from all sources is around \$290 million. Closing this gap would require funding from multiple sources, including central government. Any contribution the Council makes would also have an impact on rates increases.

[Read more about the iconic buildings on page 28 of the Consultation Document.](#)

**How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?**

Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy.

**Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?**

See attached letter

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No.

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Church Property Trustees  
Kaitiaki Taonga O Te Hāhi



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Submission to Christchurch City Council  
by Church Property Trustees:  
Iconic Buildings Funding – Christ Church Cathedral

Dear Mayor Phil Mauger and Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the 2026/2027 Draft Annual Plan.

This submission is made by the Church Property Trustees, the statutory body that holds property in trust for the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, including ownership and long-term stewardship of Christ Church Cathedral.

As trustees, we are responsible for ensuring that this nationally significant heritage building is restored, preserved, and sustainably managed for the benefit of both the Diocese and the wider community.

More than fifteen years after the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011, Christchurch has made remarkable progress in rebuilding its central city. Major civic, cultural, and commercial developments have transformed the city centre and restored confidence in Christchurch as a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

However, one of the most visible and symbolically important elements of the city's recovery remains incomplete: the reinstatement and reopening of Christ Church Cathedral and the completion of Cathedral Square as the civic heart of the city.

For almost 150 years the cathedral defined the western vista of Cathedral Square and is the most recognisable architectural and historic landmark of Christchurch. Its absence since the earthquakes has been deeply felt by residents and visitors alike.

The reinstatement of the cathedral is the most visible and one of the most significant remaining heritage reconstruction projects associated with Christchurch's earthquake recovery. Completing this project will mark an important milestone in the regeneration of the central city and restore a defining feature of Christchurch's historic identity.

The public benefits of reinstating and reopening the cathedral are substantial:

*Completion of the central city recovery*

The restoration of Christ Church Cathedral is widely regarded as one of the final major heritage projects remaining from the earthquake rebuild, as highlighted in the Annual Plan consultation. Its reopening will represent an important step in completing the regeneration of the central city.

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Church Property Trustees  
Kaitiaki Taonga O Te Hahi



#### *Restoration of a major heritage landmark*

Christ Church Cathedral is one of the most important historic buildings in Christchurch and a landmark of national heritage significance. Its reinstatement will preserve an irreplaceable part of the city's architectural and cultural history.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is engaged in the early stages of the process to have the Christ Church Cathedral included on the National Historic Landmarks list – the very highest national heritage recognition for a very limited number of buildings and places that are “foundational to Aotearoa New Zealand”.

#### *Activation of Cathedral Square*

A functioning cathedral contributes to the vitality of Cathedral Square through daily activity generated by visitors, services, tours, concerts, and community events. This regular activity helps strengthen the Square as Christchurch's civic gathering place and supports surrounding businesses.

#### *Tourism and visitor attraction*

Historic cathedrals are among the most visited heritage attractions in cities around the world. It is anticipated that the reopened cathedral will attract more than 750,000 visitors annually, contributing to tourism and economic activity in the central city.

#### *Cultural and civic venue*

In addition to its role as a cathedral, the building will function as a venue for concerts, exhibitions, lectures, and civic occasions. In this way it will contribute to the cultural life of Christchurch and provide a unique historic venue for the community.

#### *Long-term stewardship and sustainability*

The Church Property Trustees are committed to ensuring that the cathedral is responsibly managed and maintained once reopened so that it continues to serve future generations as both a heritage landmark and an active community space.

The reinstatement to date of Christ Church Cathedral has been made possible through the commitment of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, Christchurch City Council and central government, the generosity of private donors, and the support of philanthropic partners. However, the restoration of a building of this scale and civic importance requires a partnership approach.

Given the cathedral's historic role as the focal point of Cathedral Square and one of Christchurch's defining landmarks, support from local government is both appropriate and important.

Investment by the Christchurch City Council in the completion and reopening of Christ Church Cathedral would represent a strategic contribution to:

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Church Property Trustees  
Kaitiaki Taonga O Te Hāhi

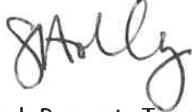


- completing the regeneration of the central city
- restoring one of Christchurch's most significant heritage buildings
- strengthening Cathedral Square as the civic heart of the city
- supporting tourism, culture, and economic activity in the central city.

For these reasons, the Church Property Trustees respectfully encourage the Council to prioritise significant funding support toward the completion and reopening of Christ Church Cathedral.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Church Property Trustees [on behalf of]

25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 27/03/2026

**First Name:** Ben **Last Name:** Truman

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Christchurch Cathedral Chapter

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

Dean of the Cathedral, representing the Cathedral's governance board (Chapter)

### Feedback Rates

**Do you support our proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers (which is higher than the 5.80% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.4%?**

[Read more about proposed changes to rates from page 19 of the Consultation Document \(or about rates generally from page 24 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

Don't know.

### General rate business differential

We're proposing to lower the business rates differential from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the overall share of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers consistent despite business property valuations rising more than residential in the 2025 revaluation.

[Read more about the business differential on page 21 of the Consultation Document \(or about differential categories generally from page 26 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

**Do you support our proposal to lower the differential paid by business property owners from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the current overall proportion of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers the same?**

Don't know.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree that services should be funded by the service users, as opposed to all ratepayers?**

Don't know.

### The Climate Resilience Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, we could pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 and resume contributions to the fund from 2027/28.

[Read more about the Climate Resilience Fund on page 24 of the Consultation Document.](#)

**Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?**

Don't know.

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### Contestable community grants

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27. Alternatively, we could reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.

Read more about contestable community grants on page 25 of the Consultation Document. For a full list of the grants we have the option of reducing funding for, visit [letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan](http://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan).

#### Which option do you support for contestable community grants?

Don't know.

### The Environmental Partnerships Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to increase the Environmental Partnerships Fund by \$300,000. Alternatively, we could retain funding at the current \$700,000 per year, and reduce rates by 0.04% in 2026/27.

Read more about the Environmental Partnership Fund on page 25 of the Consultation Document and on our website: [here](#).

#### Which option do you support for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?

Don't know.

### Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

We're proposing to sell a small number of properties that we've found no longer serve their original purpose. Any properties confirmed as surplus would be sold through transparent, market-value processes in line with the Council policy.

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**Submission Date:** 28/03/2026

**First Name:** Colin    **Last Name:** Meurk

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**Submission Date:** 18/03/2026

**First Name:** Pip **Last Name:** Griffin

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Te Papa Hauora Health Precinct

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

Executive Officer, we represent all key players in the health research, education, and innovation sector

### Feedback

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[Read more about proposed changes to rates from page 19 of the Consultation Document \(or about rates generally from page 24 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

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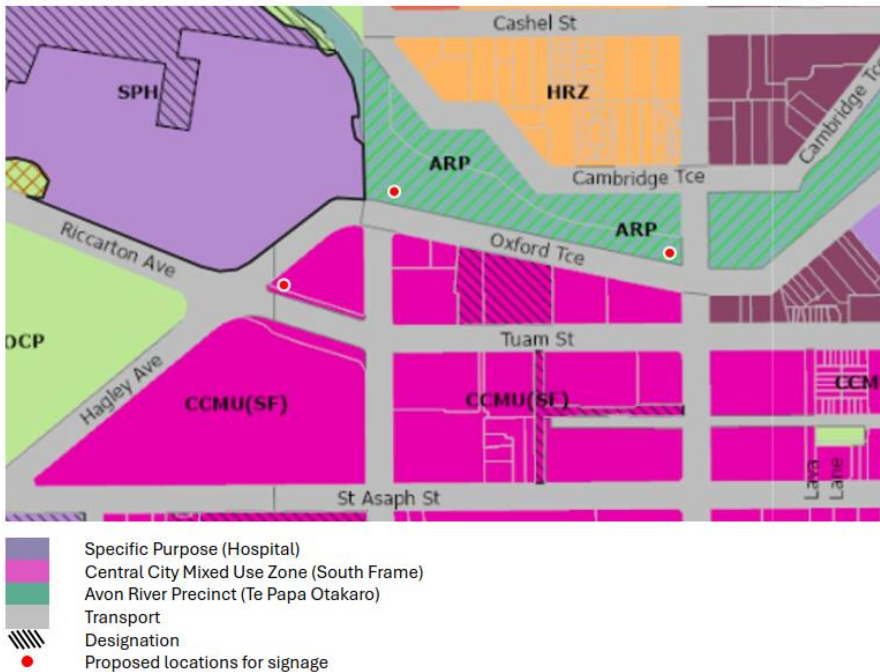
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**Designation/ Planning framework**

The approximate locations of the three signs (two gateway signs and one central directional wayfinding sign) are represented as red dots on the image below, which shows the extent of the zoning and designations from the District Plan.

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**Specifications/ drawings**

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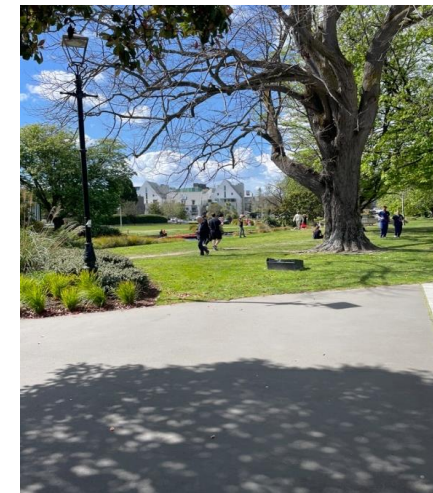
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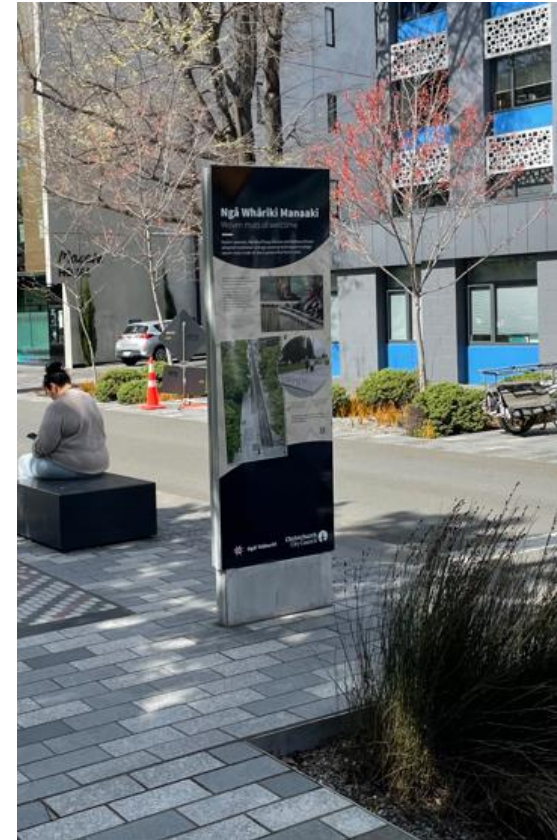
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Sign styles



For inclusion

Te Papa Hauora logo, intro (one sentence) AND partner logos: Health NZ logo, UC, Ara and University of Otago

Just main buildings of interest

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Old signage



Other CCC suggestions



### Signage

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- (The proposed sign needs to be permitted under 6.8.4.1.1)
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### Chapter 6 General Rules and Procedures

#### 6.8 Signs

##### 6.8.3 How to interpret and apply the rules

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#### **6.8.4 Rules**

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Explanatory Note:

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###### **6.8.4.2.3 Integration with building design**

- a. Any sign displayed on wall surfaces, including individual lettering, shall not obscure any window, door or architectural feature, visible from the exterior of the building.
- b. Where a sign, including a flag, extends over part of the Transport Zone the lowest part of the sign shall be located a minimum of 2.6 metres above ground level.

###### **6.8.4.2.4 Signs attached to buildings**

- a. For signage on heritage items, on buildings in heritage items which are open spaces, and in heritage settings, the signage activity standard [9.3.4.1.1](#) P4a also applies.
- b. The maximum area and height of signs shall be as follows:

([Proposed Plan Change 13](#) - This rule has immediate legal effect)

*Refer to 6.8.4.2.5 (in the district plan) for Projecting signs and signs attached to or on verandas.*

	6.8.4.2.4 Signs attached to buildings		6.8.4.2.6 Free-standing signs		
Zones	Max total area of signs per building	Max height above ground level at top of sign	Number of signs per site	Max total area of signs	Max height above ground level at top of sign
Avon River Precinct (Te Papa Otakaro)	2m <sup>2</sup>	4m or façade height, whichever is lower	1 (for each formed vehicle access) and,  1 (for each formed pedestrian entrance (refer to rules for details))	1m <sup>2</sup> per sign	4 metres
Central City Mixed Use Zone (South Frame)	Length along primary building frontage (m) x 0.5m.	9 metres or façade height, whichever is lower	1 (for each formed vehicle access) and,  1 (for each formed pedestrian entrance (refer to rules for details))	<b>Relating to pedestrian entrances</b>  <b>Max width:</b> 1m <b>Max total area:</b> 2m <sup>2</sup> <b>Max height:</b> (above ground level at top of sign) 2m	<b>Relating to vehicle entrances</b>  <b>Max width:</b> 2.5m <b>Max total area:</b> 18m <sup>2</sup> <b>Max height:</b> (above ground level at top of sign) 9m
Specific Purpose (Hospital)	No limit on number and area of signs provided they are related solely to a hospital	12 metres or façade height, whichever is lower	No limit on signs provided they are related solely to a hospital.	<b>Sign/Signage</b> means any device, graphic or display of whatever nature visible from a public place, for the purposes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. identification of, and provision of information about, any activity, <a href="#">site</a> or <a href="#">building</a>;</li> <li>b. providing directions;</li> <li>c. promoting goods, services or forthcoming events; or</li> <li>d. containing a message directed at the general public, whether temporary or otherwise.</li> </ul> A sign or signage may be three-dimensional or otherwise, that is, manufactured, painted, written, printed, carved, embossed, inflated, projected onto or otherwise fixed to or attached upon any external surface of any <a href="#">building</a> or, in the open, on any <a href="#">site</a> , wall, pole, hoarding or structure, or onto any rock, stone, tree or other object. It includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. any method of illumination, whether by an internal or external non-neutral light source;</li> <li>f. any sign displayed upon any parked vehicle and/or trailer for the express purpose of directing attention to any activity, <a href="#">site</a> or <a href="#">building</a>; and</li> <li>g. any tethered balloon of more than 0.5m in diameter.</li> </ul>	

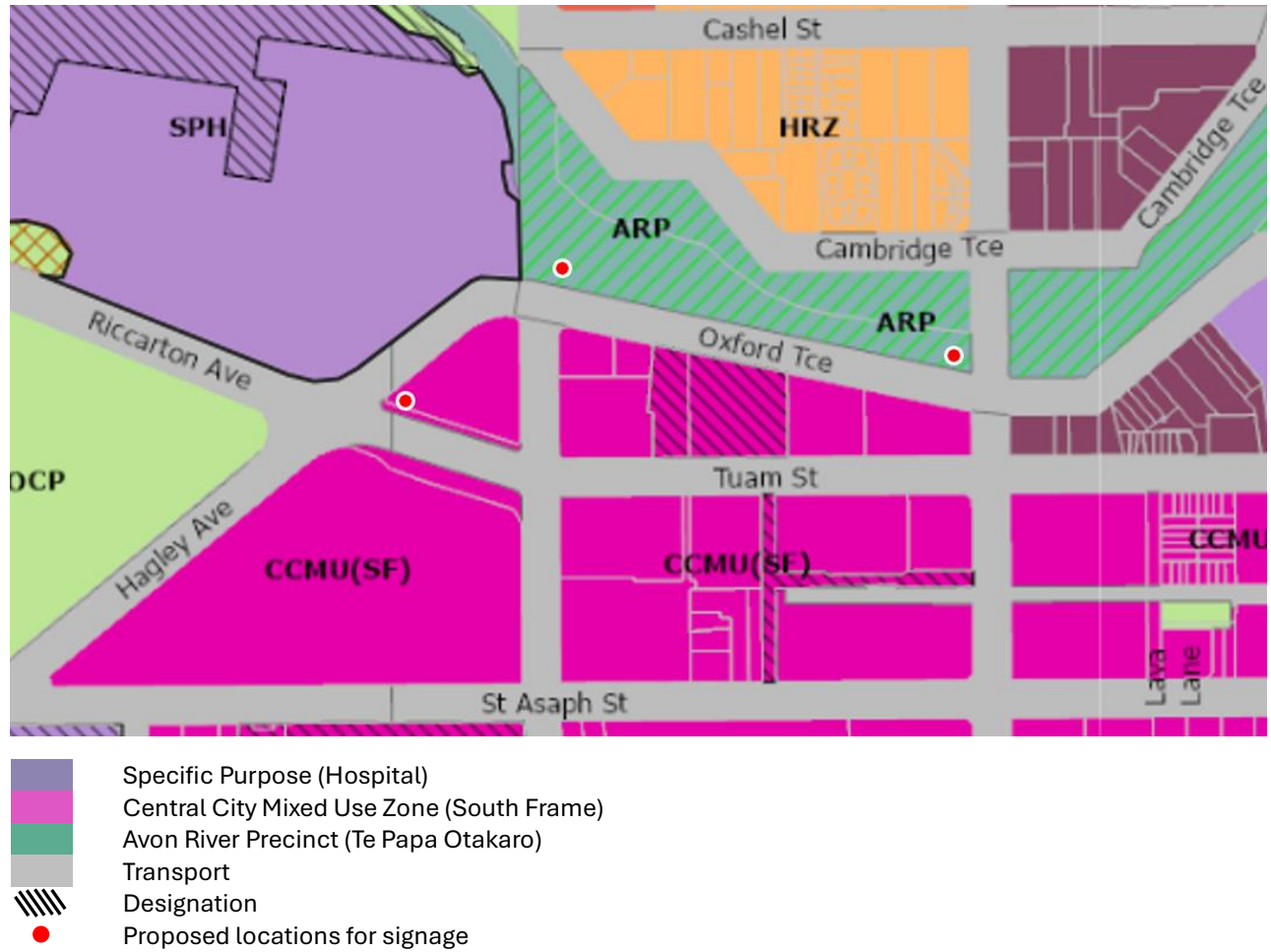
- c. Signs relating to a formed vehicle access do not need to be located at the vehicle entrance they relate to.
- d. Pedestrian and vehicle access in [Rule 6.8.4.2.6](#) refer to entrances to sites not to buildings, for example, a vehicle crossing from the road to a parking area, or a pedestrian entrance from the footpath into a site. Building entry and garage doors are not considered to be vehicle or pedestrian entrances when considering standards for free-standing sign under this rule.



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5	1	Base Assembly
6	2	Base Panels

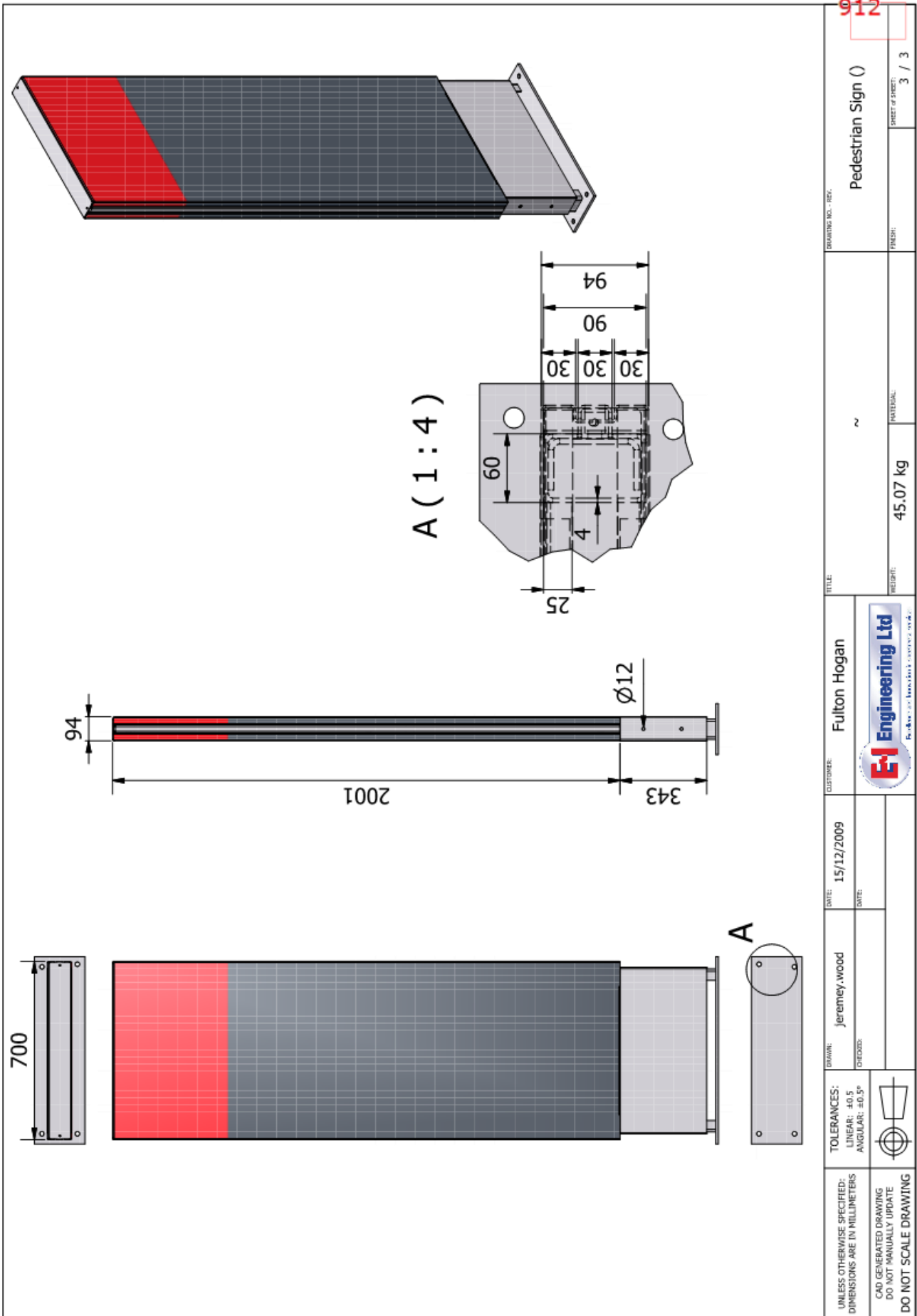
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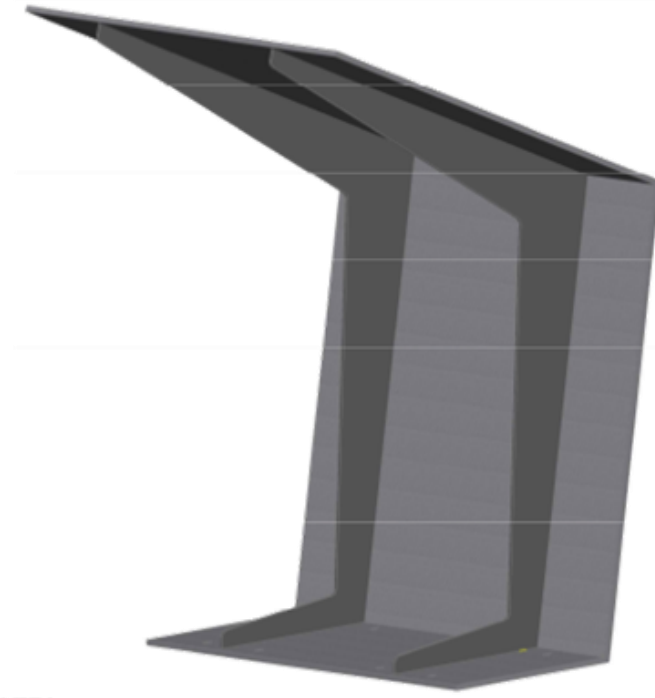
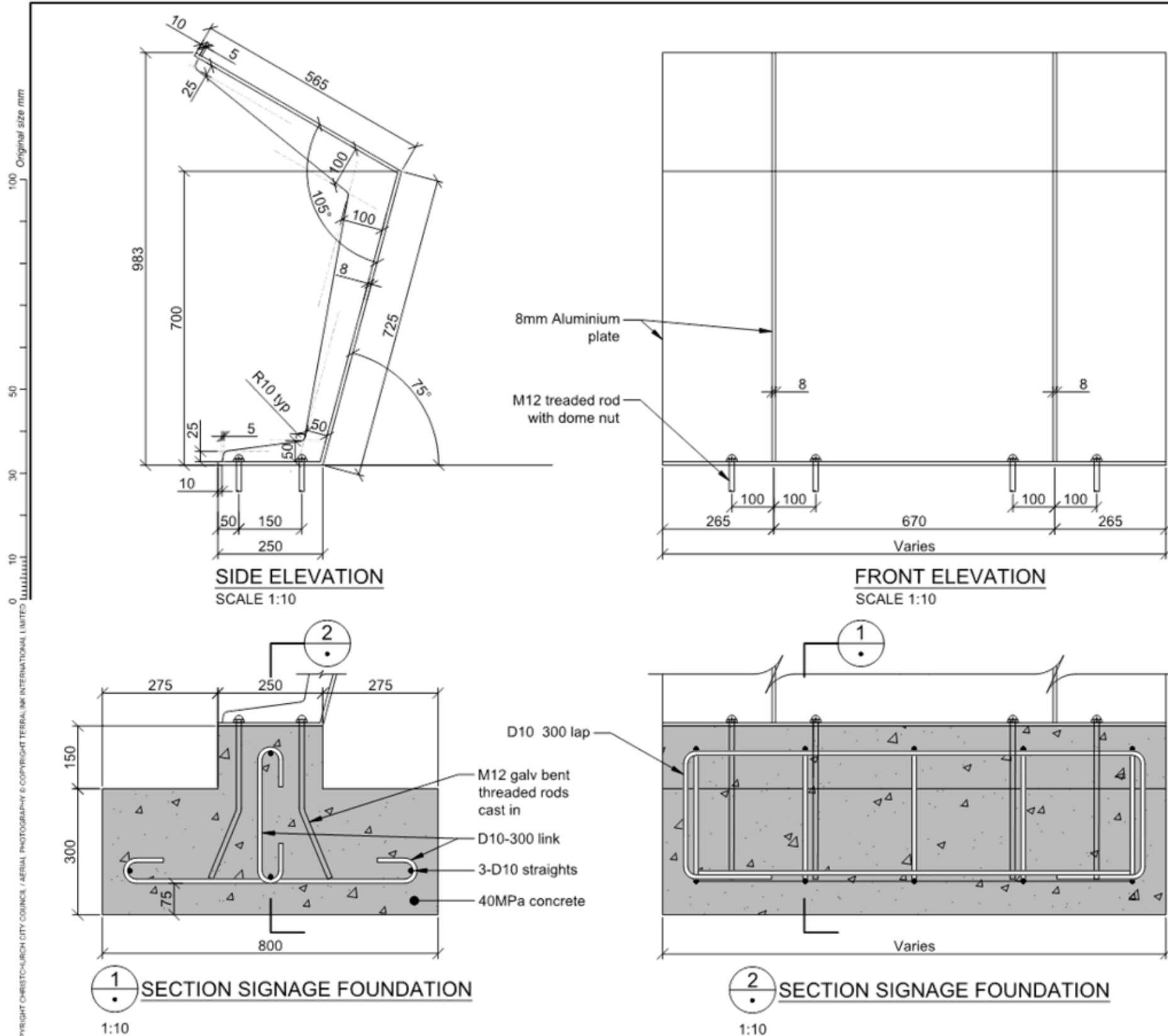
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5	1	Base Assembly
6	2	Base Panels

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3D IMAGE  
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NOTES:

1. Concrete
  - a. All concrete work to comply with the provisions of NZS 3109 & related documents
  - b. Concrete strength  $f_c$  (28 days) = 25MPa
2. Reinforcing
  - a. All reinforcement shall be manufactured by Pacific Steel Limited
  - b. All reinforcement shall be micro-alloy steel complying with AS/NZS 4671.
  - c. Deformed Grade 300 and all Grade 500 reinforcement shall be Class E, high ductility, unless noted otherwise on the contract documents. Deformed bars are known as Seismic 300 and Seismic 500 for Grade 300 and 500 respectively.
  - d. Grade 500E and 'Reidbar' shall not be used where grade 300E is specified. Any grade 500E or 'Reidbar' substitutions for grade 300E shall be rejected and replaced.  
  
D denotes deformed bar Grade 300E
  - e. All bends in reinforcing to comply with NZS 3109
  - f. Cover to reinforcing to be 50mm unless otherwise shown.

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 27/03/2026

**First Name:** Mark    **Last Name:** Gerrard

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Historic Places Canterbury

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

Chair & 40 members

Attached Documents



*The Voice of Heritage*

**Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024  
Submission From Historic Places Canterbury**

**Mayor and Councillors,**

"Thank You" for the opportunity to submit on the Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2026/2027.

**Historic Places Canterbury (HPC) wishes to acknowledge the work and professionalism of the Council's Heritage Team and requests the Councillors to pass on our appreciation of their work.**

**HPC requests that all C.C.C. owned buildings, should be professionally and formally assessed by the C.C.C. Heritage Team to ascertain their Heritage value and suitability for scheduling in the District Plan.**

For example this would include any unprotected building on a Heritage Park and Heritage Site or a C.C.C. building that is a sign post link to our city's past. As an example, a HPC member recently made a submission to retain the Woodham Park Caretakers House in Woodham Park. No Heritage Assessment was included in the C.C.C. Report. A number of C.C.C. Parks had Park Caretaker Houses and these dwellings have disappeared over the years and few are left. HPC is of the opinion they should be assessed for their heritage values, restored and adapted for Community use.

**HPC requests the Heritage Team as Heritage Professionals be given the professional equivalence and "independent" status as an accountant, engineer or lawyer and their qualified heritage expertise advice, assessments and input should be similarly treated as such and clearly stated in C.C.C. reports.**

HPC argues the C.C.C. has a professional Heritage Team and the C.C.C. reports should include professional Heritage Assessments of the Building(s) subject in the report whether protected or not. HPC has observed in the past that reports concerning the future of possible heritage building, the C.C.C. Heritage Team has been effectively restricted to making a contribution to what is a general staff report. HPC considers this is being done to avoid conducting a professional Heritage Assessment.

**Ferrymead Heritage A Christchurch Cultural Hub**

**HPC requests the C.C.C. recognise Ferrymead as a significant Christchurch Cultural Hub.**

**HPC requests the Council enter into discussions with the Ferrymead Heritage Park Trust and Management to explore options of the C.C.C. providing regular support by an annual grant and other options.**

Ferrymead contains a number of exhibitions that are of national significance, working exhibits such as trains and trams, educational initiatives, hands on experience to name a few of the many activities that occur onsite. The work of restoration is up to a professional standard. All this work is largely carried out by volunteers whose labour leverages and multiplies the value of any C.C.C. funding provided.

**The following refers to the Short Submission Form and the questionnaire "Restoring our iconic buildings":**

HPC supports the C.C.C. having an active role in the future of these iconic Heritage building.

**HPC requests the C.C.C. treat these buildings as unique as is their contribution to our heritage and recognise there are distinct different issues for each.**

**HPC requests these high value Heritage buildings should be the subject of separate C.C.C. processes that recognise their different circumstances.**

HPC argues the process of Heritage decision making must be thoughtful, unhurried and considered, with the input of relevant Heritage experts and a full comprehensive public consultation.

HPC submits this Heritage Questionnaire will be provide little of substance aside from being a popularity contest.

HPC is deeply concerned the C.C.C. in its use of a questionnaire to rank the importance of these four Heritage Buildings, is engaging in an exercise where Heritage is being singled out for treatment that is not applied to other C.C.C. decisions. HPC cannot recall similar questionnaires being used to ask the residents to rank and compare other C.C.C. capital projects. HPC submits that the questionnaire is effectively a popularity contest and thus reduces the importance of each building, its unique heritage significance as part of our history by assigning it a simple popularity ranking. The C.C.C. has a Heritage Strategy where it commits to being a partner and here the buildings distinct history and significance is treated as superfluous, subject to a vox pop popularity questionnaire. The results of this questionnaire we argue will not be of any use in a C.C.C. process as we stated above, that should be thoughtful and considered, with the input of relevant experts and a full comprehensive public consultation.

Our specific criticisms are the following:

We note the organisations are spending their precious resources, the Canterbury Museum has a billboard campaign, in attempts to charm their way or campaign up the C.C.C. questionnaire popularity ranking. Do the Councillors consider this a good use of their sparse resources?

The Questionnaire states the overall cost be \$290 million. How can the Residents make an informed decision without knowing the individual costs for each building? The residents would want to know, What is the C.C.C. intending to contribute to each buildings restoration?

Each of these buildings Heritage and situations are unique and the decisions must make allowance for this.

The Canterbury Museum Redevelopment: The redevelopment funding involves, we understand, negotiations with three territorial authorities and central Government. How will the questionnaire aid the C.C.C. in these negotiations when the final C.C.C. negotiated contribution has not been agreed.

The Arts Centre: The Arts Centre is a gift by the University of Canterbury to the people of Christchurch, a fact not mentioned in the questionnaire. Nor that The Arts Centre is part of a group of internationally significant group of heritage Buildings and where Rutherford studied. The questionnaire in addition does not inform the residents the Arts Centre attracts roughly 1 million visitors a year. The new Stadium funded by the C.C.C. will need to sell out 27 times each year to match this number. The C.C.C. has argued the Stadium will generate an overall economic return and funds its deficit. The Arts Centre visitors have a far larger proportion of overseas tourists bringing their overseas funds to spend locally. HPC argues the residents should be aware of this when making a decision. HPC as an aside, learned via The Press the Mayor was in discussions with the Arts Centre over funding the restoration of the Student Union Building. What progress was made?

The Christchurch Cathedral: HPC has submitted the C.C.C. seek to initiate discussions involving the C.C.C., Cathedral Trust and central Government. HPC considers the Cathedral a nationally significant building as opposed to being a locally owned private building. Has there been any discussions? How can funds be negotiated, allocated or decided without agreement on its future. How then can residents make an informed decision?

The Provincial Council Buildings: The C.C.C. has now on two separate occasions used public secluded provisions to secretly negotiate with commercial entities the restoration of the Timber Chambers. If developers are involved in commercial negotiations, HPC is confident and based on C.C.C. financial statements, they will be seeking a financial contribution from the C.C.C.. How relevant then is the questionnaire when the Residents will not know the Council's contribution? HPC asks if you can have a questionnaire when the C.C.C. is involved in secret negotiations? HPC has regularly called for a comprehensive consultation so the residents and relevant experts can understand and submit on the issues and options faced by the C.C.C. on the restoration of the Provincial Council Buildings. HPC asks then what is the use of asking for residents input in a questionnaire when they were denied them a meaningful formal public consultations on the buildings future options before entering commercial negotiations.

**The following submissions are made in reference to the WEB-FRP8390-Draft-Annual-Plan-2026-27\_Full-Plan document.**

The Canterbury Provincial Council Buildings: The re-assignment of funding time frames. HPC considers it is problematic that we are being asked to participate in a consultation on expenditure without knowing the conditions of any commercial agreement and with whom it is to be spent. The Canterbury Provincial Chambers are internationally recognised as significant Heritage Buildings and HPC considers the process of public excluded commercial negotiations without any public consultation before hand, to be a bad process. HPC notes the C.C.C. has just entered a second round of public excluded negotiations without public consultation.

**HPC requests a full Public Consultation detailing future restoration and funding options for the Provincial Council Buildings be conducted before any commercial negotiations commence.**

Special Heritage (Arts Centre) Targeted Rate (page 32 & 38) HPC supports the Targeted Rate along with the Value Rate for the arts Centre outlined on page 38.

61696 (&61703) Programme-Botanic Gardens Planned New Exhibitions, Collections and Signs Development (page 70 etc)

**HPC requests that, in regard to signage of a heritage site or on land containing a Heritage Building, the signage identify it as a heritage building/site. This request especially applies especially to general footpath/street signage.**

As an example The Early Settlers Cemetery signage identifying the site from the footpath/road, does not state it is a Heritage Site.

65604 Heritage Parks Irrigation (page 72) HPC supports this expenditure along with other expenditure on the Heritage Parks detailed in this document footpaths etc.

61821 Cuninghame House (Botanic Gardens) 65405 Yew Cottage 65406 Sign of the Takahe Window Renewals HPC support the expenditure of the above.

Application For Extension Of An Earthquake Prone Building (page 171) HPC is supportive.

### **Heritage Incentive Grants and The Intangible Heritage Grants**

#### **HPC requests the Heritage Incentive Grants and the Intangible Heritage Grants be reinstated in the upcoming financial year.**

HPC is confident in asserting without being contradicted, Christchurch will be the only metropolitan City not to offer Heritage Grants. Many of our smaller provincial Cities and Towns offer Heritage Grants.

HPC would like to remind Councillors of the "Our Heritage, Our Taonga" Heritage Strategy 2019–2029". In the Executive Summary: "This strategy recognises that the Council has a leadership role in facilitating a collaborative approach with its partners and communities, ensuring a broad range of our built and natural, tangible and intangible heritage is recognised, protected and celebrated." The Strategy lists "The Council's roles in heritage ... Funder"

By not offering Heritage Grants, HP considers the Council is clearly in breach of its Heritage Strategy. This Strategy was widely consulted and supported by the Residents.

#### **Heritage Incentive Grants (HIG):**

#### **HPC requests the Heritage Incentive Grants (HIG) be reinstated to commence in the upcoming financial year.**

The Council has a role in ensuring the retention of our collective Heritage. Having HIG grants ensures the Council's Heritage Team can work with Heritage Building owners to retain our City's Heritage. The Council has developed processes and policies in support of our built heritage and the HIG are an integral and practical part of these and their successful application. HPC observes, a scheduled heritage building owner is required to file a Resource Consents etc for any work unless it is a repair. Currently the heritage building owner will not be able to apply for a grant to cover the cost of the consent unless the C.C.C. agrees to a one off grant. The Council insists the Heritage Building owner be responsible and bear the full costs but will not offer support in return.

**Intangible Heritage:** HPC wishes to remind the Council, it recognised the importance of Intangible Heritage in its "Our Heritage, Our Taonga" Heritage Strategy 2019–2029.

#### **HPC requests that Intangible Heritage Funding be reinstated and commence in the upcoming financial year.**

This grant is important to a wide variety of community groups from those restoring Heritage Objects to those recording their local histories. This is a good investment for the C.C.C., as the grant funds are leveraged by the volunteers sweat labour into something of significance. This will done at a fraction of the cost if it were done professionally. HPC notes some of this grant has in the past been used as a grant for groups to hold C.C.C. Heritage Festival Events. While the past total grant \$28,500 is paltry by Council standards, it is significant for organisers of Heritage Festival events. On a practical level, holding a public event often requires venue hire fees, Public Liability Insurance, someone with first aid training in attendance, plus emergency first aid kit and an Event Plan incorporating Health and Safety. Having no recourse to funding, many groups will not participate or hold an event.

"Our Heritage Our Taonga" C.C.C. Heritage Strategy

"Kia kōmiroa, kia whiria ngā weu kia ū, Kia roa, kia pītonga ai te taura we lengthen and strengthen the essence within As we weave together new strands into our rope,  
We work together to recognise, protect and celebrate our heritage, which weaves our stories and places together, and is vital to the identity and wellbeing of our communities and the district."

Mark Gerrard  
Chair Historic Places Canterbury

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 27/03/2026

First Name: Brett Last Name: Butland

If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:

Pest Free Banks Peninsula

Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:

Project Leader

### Feedback

#### Rates

Do you support our proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers (which is higher than the 5.80% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.4%?

[Read more about proposed changes to rates from page 19 of the Consultation Document \(or about rates generally from page 24 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

Don't know.

#### General rate business differential

We're proposing to lower the business rates differential from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the overall share of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers consistent despite business property valuations rising more than residential in the 2025 revaluation.

[Read more about the business differential on page 21 of the Consultation Document \(or about differential categories generally from page 26 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

Do you support our proposal to lower the differential paid by business property owners from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the current overall proportion of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers the same?

Don't know.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that services should be funded by the service users, as opposed to all ratepayers?

Don't know.

#### The Climate Resilience Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, we could pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 and resume contributions to the fund from 2027/28.

[Read more about the Climate Resilience Fund on page 24 of the Consultation Document.](#)

Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?

Don't know.

#### Contestable community grants

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Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27. Alternatively, we could reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.

[Read more about contestable community grants on page 25 of the Consultation Document. For a full list of the grants we have the option of reducing funding for, visit \[letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\]\(http://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\).](#)

**Which option do you support for contestable community grants?**

Provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27, as planned.

#### The Environmental Partnerships Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to increase the Environmental Partnerships Fund by \$300,000. Alternatively, we could retain funding at the current \$700,000 per year, and reduce rates by 0.04% in 2026/27.

[Read more about the Environmental Partnership Fund on page 25 of the Consultation Document and on our website: here.](#)

**Which option do you support for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?**

Proceed with the planned \$300,000 increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund.

**Do you have any comments about the options for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?**

See attached submission

#### Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

We're proposing to sell a small number of properties that we've found no longer serve their original purpose. Any properties confirmed as surplus would be sold through transparent, market-value processes in line with the Council policy.

[Read more about these properties on page 26 of the Consultation Document \(or from page 239 of the Draft Annual Plan\). See property locations and access reports here.](#)

**Do you support the Council selling these properties?**

Don't know.

#### Restoring our iconic buildings

We want your views on investing in the restoration of four 'iconic' buildings – Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury Museum, Canterbury Provincial Chambers and Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre. We estimate that the total funding gap between the estimated restoration costs and the funds committed from all sources is around \$290 million. Closing this gap would require funding from multiple sources, including central government. Any contribution the Council makes would also have an impact on rates increases.

[Read more about the iconic buildings on page 28 of the Consultation Document.](#)

**How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?**

Don't know.

#### Anything else?

**Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?**

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document or on our website here. Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.](#)

Please attached submission for further information

#### Future feedback?

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents. You can read the Christchurch City Council's privacy statement [here](#).

Yes.

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27 March 2026

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By online submission form

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Kia ora koutou

### **Submission on Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2026/27**

#### **Introduction**

Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP) appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

We acknowledge the challenging fiscal environment Council is operating within, and we commend the effort to balance affordability with continued investment in core services, environmental outcomes, and community wellbeing.

Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākohaitū is a collaborative programme to protect and enhance biodiversity on the Peninsula through the widespread elimination of pest animals. The programme plays a critical role as part of the wider 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula. As with the other aspects of the 2050 Ecological Vision, this pest free programme has wider benefits; it aligns with the CCC Biodiversity Strategy, supports Ngāi Tahu values, community wellbeing and development, and sustainable agriculture and tourism.

It is a community-led and agency supported initiative, formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by 14 foundation signatories in November 2018. The programme now has 24 partners including Christchurch City Council, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, Ōnuku Rūnanga, Te Hāpu o Ngāti Wheke Rūnanga, Te Rūnanga o Koukourāata, Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Wairewa Rūnanga. A management structure is outlined in the MOU with a governance level Project Oversight Group supported by a Project Management Group.

With the Peninsula (including the Port Hills) bordering greater Christchurch, PFBP provides a transformative opportunity for both urban and rural communities, iwi and landowners to be involved in restoring this unique environment.

Making Banks Peninsula pest free is an ambitious and challenging goal. It is a bold, complex and world-leading project - what separates this project from other landscape elimination projects in New Zealand is that we are targeting both predators and other mammalian pests. The scale and ambition of this programme brings strategic advantages of national significance; it is the largest landscape-scale project within a New Zealand city boundary, representative of the country containing small

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towns and villages, sub-alpine to sea environments, farmlands, lifestyle properties, busy port, local tourism and a gateway to other South Island and domestic tourism.

As a community-led, agency supported initiative, the journey and the destination of a pest-free Banks Peninsula are important. Participation connects people with people, and it connects people with their environment. In good times, such initiatives provide a sense of shared purpose, belonging and achievement. In times of crisis, as we have recently experienced, the connections with others are even more critical: they provide a network through which people communicate and share, helping our emotional, mental and physical well-being, and solve landscape scale challenges together.

PFBP will continue to provide economic benefits. Flourishing wildlife is good for tourism, as well as residents. Funding from external grants contributes to local economic activity and employment. Many PFBP staff have local connections to the peninsula; some were born in Akaroa, attended school there and have been able to return to the district due to employment in the project.

For farming, it removes disease vectors and browsing pests. The benefits of carbon sequestration and the complete removal of possums from the Peninsula would likely improve the economic outlook for farming, with benefits spanning productivity (and disease control, biodiversity).

A summary of the project's achievements includes:

- Elimination of possums from 6,000ha in Akaroa and surrounding area (with elimination of possums from over 7,500ha forecast for 30 June 2026),
- Elimination of feral goats from 45,000ha south of Gebbies Pass,
- On track to eliminate feral pigs from 20,000ha south of Gebbies Pass,
- Elimination of ferrets from Kaitorete (with elimination of possums and hedgehogs forecast by 30 June 2026),
- Development of an 80-day, 500ha possum elimination blueprint,
- Shared knowledge to increase capacity of community groups, particularly in the Port Hills and Whakaraupō areas and Towards Pest Free Waitaha,
- Distilled operational learnings that have enabled increased rates of progress and achieved cost efficiencies,
- Developed an effective proof of absence monitoring framework, and
- Hosted nine PF2050 sister landscape projects and shared our knowledge widely with many others, including international invasive species management groups.

#### **Acknowledgement of Council support**

Christchurch City Council is a foundation project partner, and we take this opportunity to acknowledge Christchurch City Council's longstanding support.

We particularly acknowledge and appreciate the ongoing collaboration with the Council's Parks team, whose practical, on the ground engagement and shared commitment to biodiversity outcomes has contributed significantly to the success of elimination and restoration efforts across the Peninsula.

We gratefully acknowledge Council's continued investment as proposed in this Draft Annual Plan 2026/27, including:

- The increased investment in Pest Free Banks Peninsula (\$90,000).
- The proposed increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund to \$1 million.

We particularly value the long-term commitment reflected in the Memorandum of Understanding between Council, PFBP and other project partners, which provides a stable foundation for community-led, agency supported pest animal elimination. This continuity is critical for building landowner trust, supporting long-term planning, and enabling enduring environmental outcomes.

This long-term commitment enables PFBP to attract and align substantial co-investment from central government, philanthropic sources, and corporate partners, significantly amplifying the impact of Council's contribution. To date, Council's investment has leveraged approximately 1:15 in additional funding from other sources.

We also acknowledge Christchurch City Council's role as a landowner actively enabling pest animal elimination of Council-owned and/or managed land. Council's participation in the PFBP and other collaborative programmes contributes to coordinated, landscape-scale outcomes and demonstrates the value of multi-agency collaboration across the Banks Ecological Region. We encourage Council to continue its involvement in these programmes, both as a funding partner and as a landowner, to support ongoing progress toward shared biodiversity and resilience outcomes.

These investments and commitments by Council are important enablers of community-led environmental action in service of the Banks Peninsula community and the wider district.

#### **Revised Pest Free Banks Peninsula strategy**

The PFBP strategy was prepared in 2019 and revised in 2022 and in 2025. The seven strategic goals and objectives are summarised below. They reflect the breadth of work required to achieve the vision - while Goals 1 and 2 are the overarching ones for on-ground implementation, they cannot be achieved in isolation. All goals are essential for achieving our vision.

- Goal 1: Defend areas of Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills) and Kaitorete where elimination has been achieved, from reinvasion.
- Goal 2: Progressively eliminate pest animals from Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills) and Kaitorete.
- Goal 3: Support and work effectively and collaboratively with landowners, partner organisations and volunteers to achieve the vision.
- Goal 4: Base decisions on good information.
- Goal 5: Be innovative and adaptive.
- Goal 6: Grow consistent and stable funding.
- Goal 7: Be ambitious and leading edge.

#### **Biodiversity and environmental investment**

The Draft Annual Plan includes a range of important environmental funding mechanisms, including the Environmental Partnerships Fund, biodiversity funding, and support for community organisations. PFBP strongly supports the proposed increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund to \$1 million, as it is a highly effective mechanism for enabling independent, community-led environmental action. We also encourage Council to maintain, and where possible grow, the Biodiversity Fund, to ensure continued support for practical, on-the-ground biodiversity protection and restoration.

These funding mechanisms are important vehicles for community-led biodiversity protection and threat management, including for example, the control of ecological transformer weeds and feral ungulates, which pose significant pressures on indigenous biodiversity.

Council's continued commitment to strengthening and supporting collaborative, landscape-scale approaches will further enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of this investment.

#### **Conclusion**

PFBP supports the proposed increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund, seeks the maintenance and growth of the Biodiversity Fund, and encourages Council to prioritise community-

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led, landscape-scale approaches as an effective and cost-efficient way to deliver biodiversity and climate resilience outcomes.

Council's Investment in community-led, agency-supported landscape-scale biodiversity action is practical, cost-effective, and impactful. Supporting this work across the Banks Ecological Region delivers benefits for greater Christchurch for current and future generations.

Through this submission, PFBP expresses its grateful appreciation to Christchurch City Council, our elected representatives, and staff for your great support across so many aspects of our ambitious and world-leading, award-winning programme that is supporting the community to deliver biodiversity outcomes at scale.

We are grateful for the opportunity to submit and welcome an opportunity to speak to this submission in person.

Ngā mihi



Brett Butland  
Project Leader

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 27/03/2026

**First Name:** Katie    **Last Name:** Pitt

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

Administrator

Attached Documents

**Submission on Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2026/27**  
**From: Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust**

**Introduction**

Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

We acknowledge the challenging fiscal environment Council is operating within, and we commend the effort to balance affordability with continued investment in core services, environmental outcomes, and community wellbeing.

BPCT is an independent, community-led organisation, working alongside landowners, iwi and the wider community to support long-term biodiversity restoration and landscape resilience across Banks Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū.

The Trust's work is guided by the 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū, which provides a shared long-term direction for restoring indigenous biodiversity across the Banks Ecological Region (including the Port Hills), plus Kaitorete. BPCT is enabling this vision through voluntary, landowner-led action and collaborative, landscape-scale approaches.

**Acknowledgement of Council support**

This year marks 25 years since the establishment of Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, and we take this opportunity to acknowledge Christchurch City Council's longstanding support.

Council's early and ongoing commitment has played a significant role in enabling BPCT to grow into a trusted, independent organisation serving the Banks Peninsula community and supporting biodiversity protection and restoration across Banks Peninsula.

We particularly acknowledge and appreciate the ongoing collaboration with the Council's Parks Team, whose practical, on the ground engagement and shared commitment to biodiversity outcomes has contributed significantly to the success of restoration efforts across the Peninsula.

We gratefully acknowledge Council's continued investment as proposed in this Draft Annual Plan 2026/27, including:

- The \$167,000 annual grant to BPCT
- The increased investment in Pest Free Banks Peninsula (\$90,000)
- The proposed increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund to \$1 million

We particularly value the long-term commitment reflected in the 10 year Memorandum of Understanding between Council and BPCT, which provides a stable foundation for community-led, agency supported biodiversity restoration. This continuity is critical for building landowner trust, supporting long-term planning, and enabling enduring environmental outcomes.

This long-term commitment also enables BPCT to attract and align additional investment from central government, philanthropic sources, and corporate partnerships, significantly amplifying the impact of Council's investment.

We also acknowledge Christchurch City Council's role not only as a funder, but as a landowner and active partner in collaborative programmes such as Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Te Kāhahu Kahukura. Council's participation in these initiatives contributes to coordinated, landscape-scale outcomes and demonstrates the value of multi-agency collaboration across the Banks Ecological

Region. We encourage Council to continue its involvement in these programmes, both as a funding partner and as a landowner, to support ongoing progress toward shared biodiversity and resilience outcomes.

These investments and commitments by Council are important enablers of community-led environmental action in service of the Banks Peninsula community and the wider district.

#### **The role of BPCT enabling coordinated, landscape-scale outcomes**

BPCT's effectiveness is grounded in its independence and the trust it holds with private landowners. This enables voluntary, long-term biodiversity protection and restoration across a complex and largely privately owned landscape, and supports alignment between landowners, communities, iwi and agencies.

Through relationships with hundreds of landowners across the Banks Ecological Region, BPCT is able to support coordinated biodiversity protection and restoration action at a scale that would not otherwise be achievable.

BPCT also plays an important role in bringing organisations together to support coordinated action across Banks Peninsula. We work alongside landowners, iwi, community groups, agencies and funders to help align effort and enable shared outcomes at a landscape scale. This includes the Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Te Kāhahu Kahukura programmes, where multiple organisations are working collaboratively.

The Trust provides a facilitation and coordination role that supports alignment, shares knowledge, and helps ensure effort is complementary. This contributes to more efficient use of resources, reduced duplication, and stronger biodiversity outcomes across the landscape.

Together, these functions enable enduring outcomes to be achieved at a scale that would not be possible through regulatory or council-led approaches alone. Without this coordination, effort across the landscape would be more fragmented and less effective. Council's investment in BPCT enables and accelerates outcomes that extend well beyond the initial public investment.

#### **Banks Ecological Region action, city-wide benefit**

The Banks Ecological Region is one of the most significant remaining indigenous biodiversity landscapes in the Canterbury region. Conservation and restoration work across this 110,000 hectare landscape provides public good outcomes for greater urban Christchurch, including:

- Quality habitat for indigenous species (where threats are carefully managed) legally protected in perpetuity for current and future generations
- Improved water quality and catchment function
- Reduced erosion and sedimentation
- Increased resilience to extreme weather events
- Recreational, cultural and landscape values

These benefits extend well beyond the Peninsula and contribute to the wellbeing of current and future generations across Christchurch.

BPCT's work supports these outcomes through voluntary, landowner-led action at a landscape scale.

#### **Biodiversity and environmental investment**

The Draft Annual Plan includes a range of important environmental funding mechanisms, including the Environmental Partnerships Fund, biodiversity funding, and support for community organisations.

BPCT strongly supports the proposed increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund to \$1 million, as it is a highly effective mechanism for enabling independent, community-led environmental action. We also encourage Council to maintain, and where possible grow, the Biodiversity Fund, to ensure continued support for practical, on-the-ground biodiversity protection and restoration.

These funding mechanisms are important vehicles for community-led biodiversity protection and threat management, including for example, the control of ecological transformer weeds and feral ungulates, which pose significant pressures on indigenous biodiversity.

Council's continued commitment to strengthening and supporting collaborative, landscape-scale approaches will further enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of this investment.

#### **Climate resilience – ecosystems and communities**

The Draft Annual Plan appropriately highlights the increasing risks associated with climate change, including more intense rainfall, flooding, drought, wildfire risk, and erosion. These risks are not theoretical.

In February this year, parts of Banks Peninsula experienced severe rainfall resulting in a state of emergency, with significant impacts on biodiversity, farms, infrastructure, and communities. This followed Port Hills fire events, which have further highlighted the vulnerability of the wider Banks Ecological Region to climate-related hazards.

Across this landscape, ecosystem health is a critical component of resilience. Native vegetation, functioning catchments, and sustainable land management contribute to: reduced erosion and sediment loss; improved water retention and flood mitigation; and increased resilience of farming systems and landscapes. However, resilience in this context is not only environmental, it is also community resilience.

Through our work with hundreds of landowners, BPCT plays an important role in supporting rural communities before, during, and after such events. This includes strengthening land and natural systems, providing trusted connections during emergency and recovery, and working alongside multiple agencies to support landowners and communities.

BPCT's established relationships across the landscape enable coordinated responses that are difficult to achieve through centralised approaches alone.

We encourage Council to more explicitly recognise both the ecosystem and community resilience contributions of landscape-scale conservation work.

#### **Conclusion**

BPCT supports the proposed increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund, seeks the maintenance and growth of the Biodiversity Fund, and encourages Council to prioritise community-led, landscape-scale approaches as an effective and cost-efficient way to deliver biodiversity and climate resilience outcomes.

Council's Investment in community-led, agency-supported landscape-scale biodiversity action is practical, cost-effective, and impactful. Supporting this work across the Banks Ecological Region delivers benefits for greater Christchurch for current and future generations.

BPCT is a trusted organisation supporting the community to deliver biodiversity outcomes at scale. We value Council's collaboration and support, and are grateful for the opportunity to submit.

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2026

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**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Te Kākahu Kahukura

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

Te Kākahu Kahukura Coordinator

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document or on our website here.](#) Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

Kia ora koutou,

Te Kākahu Kahukura (TKK) appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 and wish to present this submission in person.

Submission on Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

#### Introduction

Te Kākahu Kahukura is a collaboration born of the 2017 Port Hills Fires, to regenerate thriving indigenous biodiversity and develop resilience to wildfire, weather events and climate changes.

Our partners represent organisations, iwi, trusts, community groups, businesses and private landowners, including Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, Whakaora Healthy Harbour, Summit Road Society, Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council, Environment Canterbury, Brailsfords, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, Living Springs, Lyttelton Port Company, Te Ara Kākāriki, Conservation Volunteers New Zealand, Pest Free Banks Peninsula, QEII National Trust, The Rotary Club of Cashmere, Ōtamahua Quail Island Ecological Restoration Trust, Pest Free Port Hills and The Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust.

Our multi-partner programme approach is community-led and landowner focused. This enables us together to identify common challenges and develop landscape scale solutions to restore biodiversity.

TKK aligns with and delivers outcomes alongside a number of partner strategies and plans. This includes the 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautu – specifically the Biodiversity Hub outcome of Goal Four, the Whakaora Healthy Harbour Plan, Christchurch City Council's Biodiversity Strategy and the Port Hills Plan currently under development, which we are looking forward to contributing to.

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predator control, weed management, restoration planting and covenanting for abundant, high-quality habitat. This supports the TKK vision for abundant native wildlife and future reintroductions of locally extinct species.

- Improved water quality. TKK are in support of Whakaora Healthy Harbour leadership, initiatives and research into erosion and sedimentation mitigation, and we are actively collaborating on landscape scale monitoring opportunities.
- Building wildfire resilience with the development of a Landscape Scale Fire Plan and partnerships with universities, agencies, industry and experts.
- Recreational, cultural and landscape values, with many partners providing and enabling recreation services for Greater Christchurch and Port Hills communities.
- Education and skill sharing through workshops and events to develop our collective capability and improve results. This includes research and development collaborations, volunteering opportunities and skill sharing events.

Acknowledgement of Council support

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TKK's support for the Annual Plan

TKK supports the following articles proposed in the Annual Plan

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This fund enables the community to lead and drive landscape scale work outcomes e.g., addressing key threats to restoration, monitoring and developing capability.

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The Port Hills feral ungulate work planned under the Pest Free Banks Peninsula programme is essential to our success. Feral ungulates undermine restoration progress at a significant financial cost to landowners. Ungulate control work relies on access to private land, and our partner network supports and enables landscapes scale progress.

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TKK has made great gains as a network with a coordinator in place. As a voluntary group of busy people, this resource has been vital to implement the TKK strategy, develop new partnership opportunities and grow the network. This investment in TKK enables us to build resilience at a landscape scale to address and mitigate threats from wildfire, weather events and climate changes, and return thriving biodiversity to the Port Hills.

- We request that the Christchurch City Council biodiversity fund is maintained at current level or grown.

This fund is essential for private landowners managing risks and investing in high value biodiversity on their land. The benefits of this investment will be shared by Port Hills communities and Greater Christchurch now and for generations to come. The Port Hills are where families connect, play and grow. Thriving biodiversity is a legacy opportunity.

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Wildfire and weather events are more frequent and at a significant ongoing risk and cost to landowners and the natural environment. These risks impact us all. Infrastructure damaged in recent weather events is no longer a 'like for like' replacement – we need to plan for a new normal. With Whakaora leading new research in sedimentation and erosion, and TKK partnering with Lincoln University on a Landscape Scale Fire Plan for the Port Hills, our community are actively pursuing answers to these challenges. From landscape scale environmental monitoring to expanding the fire detection network, this valuable work benefits everyone.

Nāku noa, nā,

Craig Pauling and Penny Carnaby

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Co-chairs  
Te Kākahu Kahukura

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27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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Nāku noa, nā,

Craig Pauling and Penny Carnaby  
Co-chairs  
Te Kākahu Kahukura



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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 24/03/2026

**First Name:** Denise **Last Name:** Curtis

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka

### Feedback

**Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?**

See attached



Te Rūnanga o  
Ngā Maata Waka  
INCORPORATED

19<sup>th</sup> of March 2026

#### Written Submission to Christchurch City Council

#### In Support of Canterbury Museum's Funding Request

#### Submitted by:

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka Inc

Ngā Hau e Whā National Marae, 250 Pages Road, Wainoni, Christchurch

#### 1. Introduction

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka Inc welcomes the opportunity to provide this submission in support of Canterbury Museum's request for additional funding to complete its redevelopment programme. As an organisation representing iwi and hapū from Te Ika-a-Māui who now reside in Ōtautahi, we hold responsibilities to our people, our taonga, and the cultural wellbeing of the city we call home.

Our position is informed by our long-standing role as kaitiaki of **Ngā Hau e Whā National Marae**, a significant cultural site with a formal and enduring relationship with Christchurch City Council. The land on which the marae stands was transferred by the Council in 1980, and the marae opened in 1990 as a place of welcome for all peoples. Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka has managed the marae for the past twenty years, renewing this mandate in 2025 for a further decade.

This experience gives us a clear understanding of the responsibilities and expectations that come with caring for cultural spaces in Ōtautahi.

#### 2. Importance of the Canterbury Museum Redevelopment

The redevelopment of Canterbury Museum is not a discretionary enhancement; it is a necessary investment in the city's cultural infrastructure. The Museum houses taonga of national significance, including items connected to the communities we represent. As such, it must operate at a standard that ensures:

- **Stable, temperature-controlled environments** that meet contemporary conservation requirements
- **Protection of fragile taonga** that are at risk without modern environmental systems
- **Compliance with national and international museum standards**
- **Capacity to support repatriation work** with cultural integrity and environmental safety

These are not optional features. They are fundamental to the Museum's credibility as a guardian of heritage.

#### 3. Repatriation and Cultural Responsibility

Repatriation is a growing and essential area of museum practice. It requires:

- Specialist handling environments
- Cultural competence
- Scientific precision
- Facilities that uphold tikanga and protect the mana of taonga

The Museum's redevelopment strengthens its ability to meet these responsibilities. Without appropriate facilities, repatriation cannot be carried out safely or respectfully. This is a matter of justice, cultural integrity, and national responsibility.

#### 4. Alignment with Council's Cultural and Community Outcomes



Christchurch City Council has long recognised the importance of cultural institutions in shaping the identity and resilience of Ōtautahi. The Museum, like Ngā Hau e Whā National Marae, is a cornerstone of:

- Heritage preservation
- Education and lifelong learning
- Community connection
- Cultural expression
- Intergenerational wellbeing

Investment in the Museum aligns directly with Council's strategic priorities, including:

- Strengthening community identity
- Supporting cultural infrastructure
- Ensuring equitable access to heritage and learning
- Upholding obligations to Māori and wider communities

#### 5. Position of Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka

As kaitiaki of a major cultural site within the city, we understand the scale of responsibility that comes with protecting spaces that hold identity, whakapapa, and community memory. We also understand the consequences when such spaces are not adequately supported.

From this position, Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka:

- **Supports Canterbury Museum's request for additional funding**
- **Recognises the redevelopment as essential, not optional**
- **Affirms the long-term cultural, educational, and social value of the project**
- **Encourages Council to demonstrate leadership and uphold its commitments to cultural stewardship**

#### 6. Conclusion

The redevelopment of Canterbury Museum is an investment in the future of Ōtautahi — its identity, its heritage, and its people. It ensures that taonga are protected, that repatriation can be carried out with integrity, and that the city's cultural institutions remain strong and credible.

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka offers its full support for this funding request and urges Christchurch City Council to prioritise the completion of this significant project.

The writer will make himself available to speak to this submission should the opportunity arise

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 25/03/2026

**First Name:** Henare **Last Name:** Edwards

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka

**Postal address:**

**Suburb:**

**City:**

**Country:** New Zealand

**Postcode:**

### Feedback

#### Restoring our iconic buildings

We want your views on investing in the restoration of four 'iconic' buildings – Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury Museum, Canterbury Provincial Chambers and Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre. We estimate that the total funding gap between the estimated restoration costs and the funds committed from all sources is around \$290 million. Closing this gap would require funding from multiple sources, including central government. Any contribution the Council makes would also have an impact on rates increases.

[Read more about the iconic buildings on page 28 of the Consultation Document.](#)

**How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?**

Important – worth pursuing if funding can be secured.

**Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?**

e.g. I would like Canterbury Museum to receive funding from Council to complete the redevelopment as soon as possible.

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 26/03/2026

**First Name:** John **Last Name:** Curry

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

The Friends of Akaroa Museum

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

President, 110 members

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document or on our website here.](#) Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

### Submission by The Friends of Akaroa Museum

The Friends of Akaroa Museum Incorporated (FOAM) was founded in June 1966 to ensure the preservation and development of the Akaroa Museum. We are a dedicated group of over 100 members who understand the importance of this Council-owned and operated Museum in preserving Banks Peninsula's heritage and cultural significance for both Māori and settler peoples. We support the Museum through fund-raising for the Museum, promoting its activities, and through our involvement in Council's Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee.

Over 25,000 people visit Akaroa Museum each year, 30% of whom are CCC residents and ratepayers. It is a quality venue that contributes to Akaroa's reputation as a vibrant visitor and tourist destination. It is open seven days a week, and the staff care for a collection valued at over \$1.6 million.

FOAM recognises the vital importance of Christchurch City Council's on-going funding of the Museum, and it supports Council in various ways such as when Akaroa Museum does not have a budget for activities which are typically considered part of a museum's core business.

For example, FOAM funds have been used for purchasing items for the permanent collection, for conservation of art works, in assisting with exhibitions, and for funding publications. FOAM's support for the publication of *A Rural Life in Black and White* in 2025 amounted to around \$14,000. The profits from the sale of the book through the Museum shop are significantly boosting the Museum's income from revenue.

FOAM is able to financially support the Akaroa Museum in these ways through its two major fundraising efforts – the annual Akaroa Antiques Fair, and the biennial House and Garden tour. These fundraisers are strongly supported by the local community, and they also attract visitors to the area. They generate substantial funds which are applied to assisting Akaroa Museum with projects for which it lacks a budget.

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While FOAM exists to support Akaroa Museum in ways as described above, it is not a substitute for Council in funding its core responsibilities to ensure the Museum remains a vital institution within the Christchurch City area. FOAM specifically requests that Council through its Annual Plan and Long Term Plan maintain at a minimum the current funding levels for Akaroa Museum's operations including the on-going maintenance of its buildings and facilities.

FOAM has supported Akaroa Museum for the past 60 years. We members of FOAM see ourselves not only as supporters of the Museum, but also as its guardians. We ask that you as members of Council ensure that Akaroa Museum continues to be a vital and enduring part of our local and wider community.

#### Future feedback?

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents. You can read the Christchurch City Council's privacy statement [here](#).

Yes.

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 27/03/2026

**First Name:** Deon **Last Name:** Swiggs

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Environment Canterbury

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

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Kia ora Phil,

Canterbury Regional Council welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on your draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

We are all operating in a challenging fiscal environment, and we acknowledge the hard decisions you are taking and the work your council is doing to keep rates affordable, while continuing to deliver services and investment in the future of Christchurch.

#### Investing in infrastructure

With the constraints of the current environment, we are pleased to see your Council maintaining investment in the public infrastructure that contributes to good outcomes for Christchurch and supports the delivery of the core services of our council, such as Public Transport.

#### Wastewater and stormwater

Our responsibility as environmental regulator is to assess compliance and ensure non-compliance is addressed. This is a role that we take seriously and with great consideration for the wellbeing of our communities, and the environment we all share. Thank you for your Council's cooperation in responding to the abatement notices issued in regard to the odour issues from your damaged wastewater treatment plant in Bromley, and your unconsented wastewater overflows into Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour and Akaroa Harbour.

Continued investment in wastewater, stormwater and drinking water infrastructure is crucial to support improving water quality and safeguarding ecosystems and community health. We expect to see compliance with the requirements of these abatement notices, and investment to improve outcomes in this area.

We will continue to work with you to achieve resolution of these issues and encourage you to ensure support for communities and mana whenua affected by infrastructure issues or failures.

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#### **Public Transport**

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27 March 2026

Mayor Phil Mauer  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 237  
**Christchurch 8140**

Kia ora Phil,

Canterbury Regional Council welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on your draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

We are all operating in a challenging fiscal environment, and we acknowledge the hard decisions you are taking and the work your council is doing to keep rates affordable, while continuing to deliver services and investment in the future of Christchurch.

#### **Investing in infrastructure**

With the constraints of the current environment, we are pleased to see your Council maintaining investment in the public infrastructure that contributes to good outcomes for Christchurch and supports the delivery of the core services of our council, such as Public Transport.

#### **Wastewater and stormwater**

Our responsibility as environmental regulator is to assess compliance and ensure non-compliance is addressed. This is a role that we take seriously and with great consideration for the wellbeing of our communities, and the environment we all share. Thank you for your Council's cooperation in responding to the abatement notices issued in regard to the odour issues from your damaged wastewater treatment plant in Bromley, and your unconsented wastewater overflows into Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour and Akaroa Harbour.

Continued investment in wastewater, stormwater and drinking water infrastructure is crucial to support improving water quality and safeguarding ecosystems and community health. We expect to see compliance with the requirements of these abatement notices, and investment to improve outcomes in this area.

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 27/03/2026

First Name: Stephen Last Name: Wood

### Feedback

#### Short submission form

This is our short submission form. Got more to say? Use our [full submission form](#).

Our full submission form includes a wider range of questions so you can provide feedback on more topics, such as the general rate business differential, the Climate Resilience Fund, contestable community grants, the Environmental Partnership Fund, areas of our capital programme, and the potential sale of Council-owned properties. You can answer any questions you wish and leave the others blank.

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Yes.

#### Do you have any comments on the proposed average rates increase?

I know that council works hard to limit the rates increases, but it is often by deferring projects and skimping on operational costs. This is not sustainable in the long run. Given the current global situation we should be working to improve resilience, reduce our dependency on imported fossil fuels, be working toward climate resilience and adaptation as well as reducing our contributions to climate change, strengthening communities. As someone that cycles around the city more than I drive or take PT, I'm alarmed whenever I hear of cycling projects that are being pushed out in timing. Cycle infrastructure should not be seen as only benefitting a small minority, as increased mode shift has many benefits to health, community and reducing road congestion. An increasing emphasis in road safety is to consider the cost of the journeys \*not\* made, for example people that are too concerned about safety to make a journey by cycling or walking, or because public transport doesn't work for them. I haven't had as much time as I hoped to go through the details but would endorse the comments that are included in the Spokes Canterbury submission concerning cycling projects. However we should remember that roads with nearby or on-road cycle facilities represent only a few percent of the roading network. Every cycling journey has a first and last mile and more often or not they will be made on roads that are shared with motor vehicles.

#### Grants, funding, fees and charges

We're proposing some updates to our grants, funding, and fees/charges. Some fees will stay the same, while others will increase to keep up with rising costs. We're also proposing changes to our grants and funding so they reflect what the community needs as well as what the Council can afford, with some programmes receiving more support and others changing.

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document or on our website here. Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.](#)

#### Do you support the overall direction of our proposed changes to grants, funding, and fees/charges?

Yes.

### Comments

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In addition to the changes we're proposing to grants, funding, and fees and charges, we're also proposing some other changes to our spending in 2026/27 to make sure we're focusing on what the city needs most and can afford. This includes paying more for essential services and infrastructure, updating budgets where costs have risen, and adjusting the timing of some projects so we only charge ratepayers for work we're confident we can deliver in the year ahead.

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**Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to grants and funding, fees and charges, or spending for 2026/27?**

gotta do what you gotta do

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**How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?**

Important – worth pursuing if funding can be secured.

**Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?**

None of the restorations are getting cheaper. By retaining these buildings there's an implied obligation to do something toward restoration. I think the city should avoid both "demolition by neglect" and selling off important public assets - which is often happening in smaller council areas.

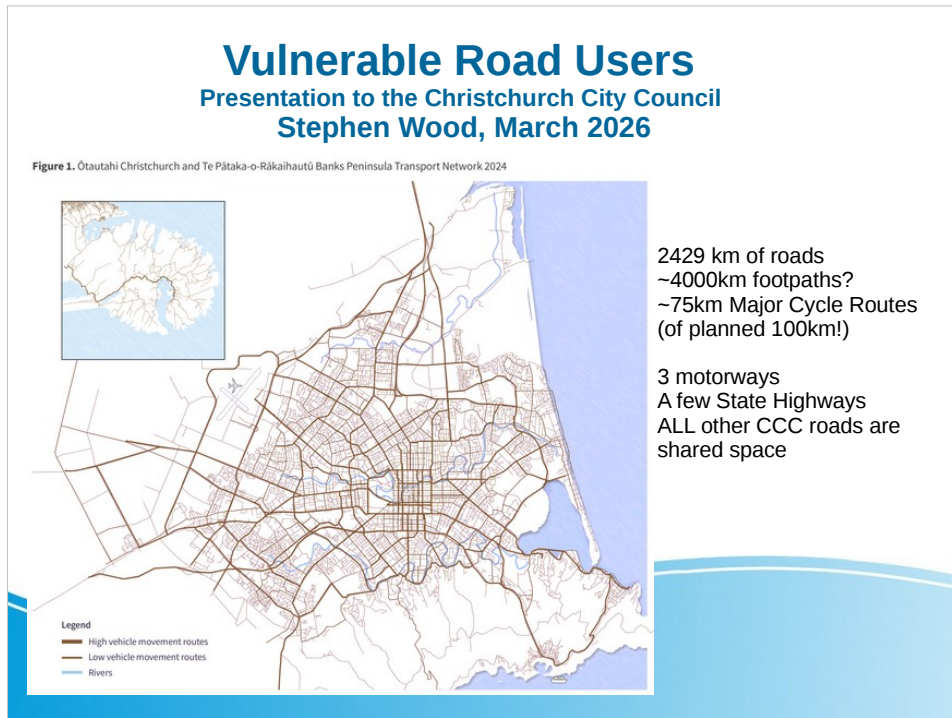
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Yes.

Attached Documents



Introduce myself.

Lived in Ōtautahi as a uni student. Have come back  
Burwood ward - not far from my councillor. Kelly

I'm in Spokes Canterbury & Cycling Action Network  
But speaking for myself.

The title was something I rapidly picked while  
negotiating to come to the last meeting

Vulnerable road user – I don't like the framing  
Perhaps "uncaged" road users

THE CCC network. 2400Km of roads  
Estimate 2000km has footpaths = 4000km  
Some dedicated cycle infrastructure ~75-100 km,  
4% of roads

Everywhere else we share!

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## DSI Crashes in CCC area

- Number of deaths in CCC area is low, but that is only the tip of the iceberg
- Fatality data from MoT summary
- Crash data from CAS database

Deaths for calendar years (\* figures for current, incomplete, year/month).

Crash month	Role	Age group	Gender	Road type		
City	CSI					
Search: christchurch						
Local body area	Role	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026*
Christchurch	Cyclist	4	1	1	1	0*
Christchurch	Driver	5	5	4	1	0*
Christchurch	Motorcyclist	3	1	1	1	0*
Christchurch	Passenger	0	3	0	1	0*
Christchurch	Pedestrian	0	0	1	1	0*

CrashYear	Fatal Crash	Minor Crash	Non-Injury CP	Serious Crash	Total Result
2000	15	587	1813	110	2525
2001	13	609	1993	146	2761
2002	16	653	1815	137	2621
2003	14	615	1666	146	2441
2004	10	585	1486	125	2206
2005	13	638	1707	161	2519
2006	10	773	1982	158	2923
2007	12	852	2019	204	3087
2008	16	823	1732	202	2773
2009	11	742	1664	164	2581
2010	15	637	1356	208	2216
2011	13	582	1270	144	2009
2012	7	684	1255	158	2104
2013	11	653	1221	169	2054
2014	9	655	1288	171	2123
2015	16	640	1194	153	2003
2016	7	588	1500	154	2249
2017	17	547	1516	144	2224
2018	22	598	1379	127	2126
2019	9	531	1179	139	1858
2020	9	508	1250	103	1870
2021	14	502	1294	112	1922
2022	12	548	1197	124	1881
2023	8	545	1361	131	2045
2024	8	529	1189	110	1836
2025	4	569	1176	115	1864
<b>Total Result</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>16193</b>	<b>38502</b>	<b>3815</b>	<b>58823</b>

Road Crashes in Christchurch City Area  
from CAS database

Often road safety is focused on deaths. Table at top is fatalities in CCC area, from Ministry of Transport

But there are a huge number of crashes happening

Data from Crash Analysis System.  
Has over 900,000 entries 25 years  
Filter for CCC, then count by year and severity.  
Results shown in bottom table and graph.

Some downward trends, but not spectacular.

## Road Safety Strategies

- Last govt strategy was “Road to Zero” based on a safe-system approach.
- Current govt has new strategy

A set of principles has guided the development of New Zealand’s road safety objectives. These principles will be at the forefront of all decision-makers’ minds when designing, implementing and choosing road safety interventions and actions.

The guiding principles are:

**Principle 1**  
Actions should be supported by evidence and focus on the causal factors of death and serious injury

**Principle 2**  
Road safety should consider the economic and social outcomes sought from the road system, including the need to get to destinations efficiently

**Principle 3**  
Road safety should be delivered in an efficient and cost-effective way that achieves value for money, and takes into account the regulatory burden it places on New Zealanders

**Principle 4**  
Road safety is everyone’s responsibility - road users also have a role to play in improving road safety outcomes

**Principle 5**  
Actions should consider community and road user views, ensuring there is public acceptability

The current CCC road safety action plan was written in 2020 to fit in with “Road to Zero”

Under the last government there was a comprehensive and ambitious strategy “Road to Zero” based on a “safe systems” approach

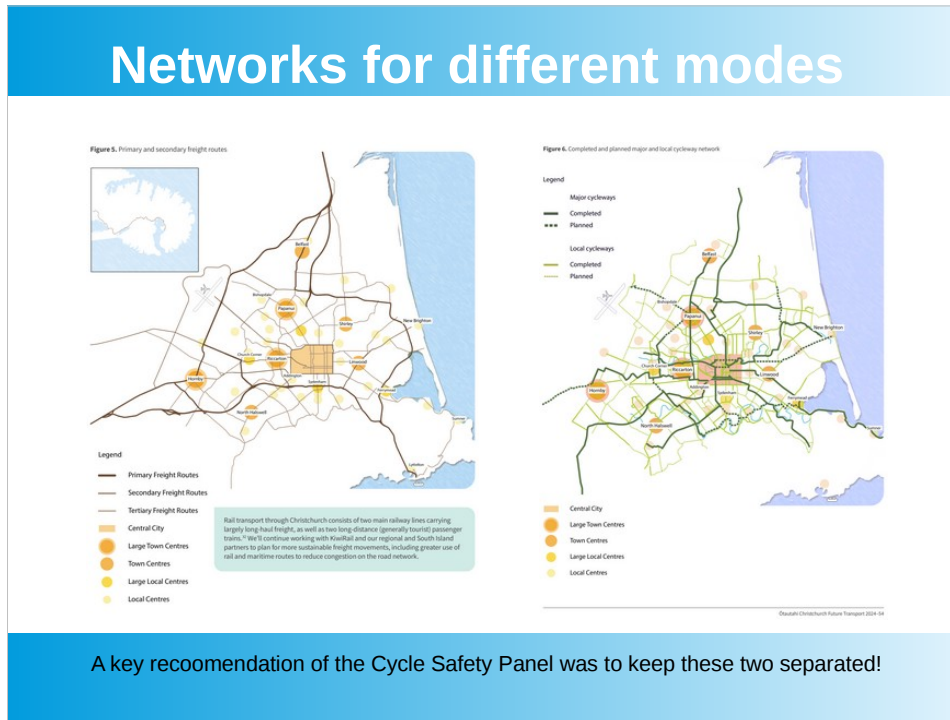
Current government has replaced that – safety is balanced against “productivity” “efficiency” and “community support”. Less safe??

There is an element of “get tough” on recidivist offenders, but leaving the average people alone

Makes for an interesting time for traffic planners – the slide at the right is from one of them

By comparison, the CCC road safety plan is still more focused on safe systems approach.

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Item 3  
Attachment B

The MCR programme has been a great start toward a cycle network, but the “big project” feel has sometimes generated more resistance.

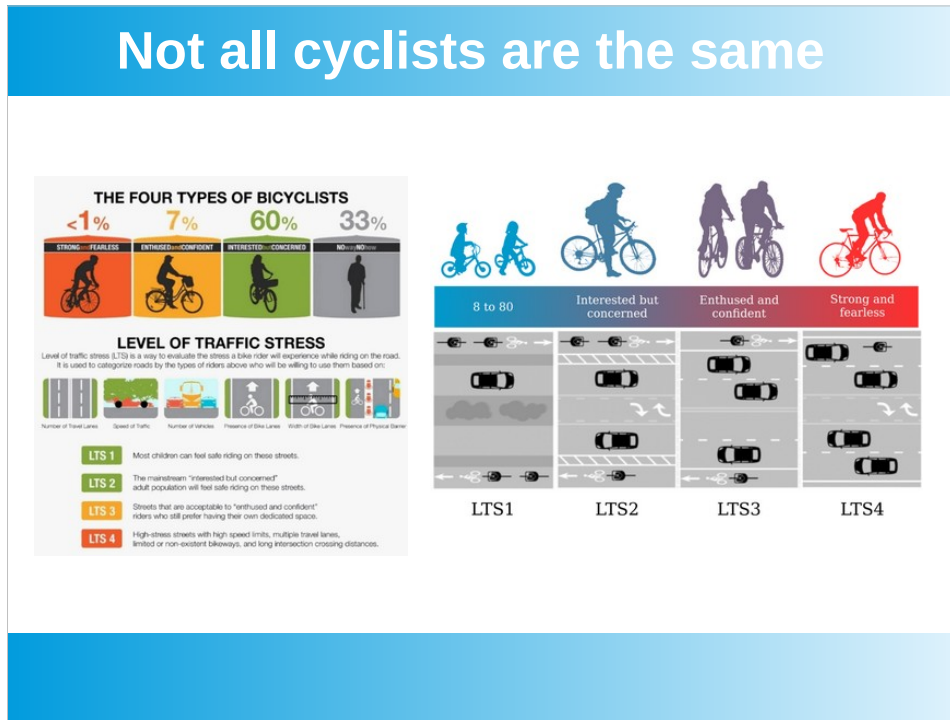
Also need to address:

New areas of the city, local connections – making a cohesive network

Two networks shown – one more for heavy traffic, one more for cycles.

Important to build separation between these – a key recommendation from the Cycling Safety Panel

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Just a reminder – 4 types of cyclist – shown before  
Originally from the US, but used by NZTA  
(really 3 types + non-cyclists, in Waimakariri they call them low/medium/high confidence)

Each has different tolerance of “traffic stress”  
Left hand graphic

If you add an “all-ages & abilities” or “8 to 80” type  
Back to four types.  
Different cycle facilities cater for each type of cyclist.  
Right hand graphic, shows some examples

The more confident/strong cyclists will still appreciate less “traffic stress”

## Summary

- Define VRUs - pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, children, elderly, and people with disabilities
- Safe system approach, reduce consequences of drivers making errors
- Focus areas, intersections, schools, residential streets, safe crossings, shared zones, ...
- Aim for a connected cycle network (MCRs+local links) AND improve other roads to be better shared.
- Ensure temporary TM has a strong focus on VRU
- Build for transport choice
- A “15-minute city” isn’t a bad thing

Vulnerable road users – they don’t have the protection of an enclosed metal box  
Need to be recognised and prioritised in planning (+new types – e-scooters, illegal electric motorbikes)

Safe system approach still the best – focus areas, separation where needed, speed management, traffic calming, modal filters.

A connected network to make it useful. But:  
- Cycles ride nearly all roads.  
- Cycleways don’t always suit all riders

We’ve seen good improvements in TTM recently but can still do better.

Give people choices.

OFFER to ride with Councillors. Bike or tandem

Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

[Submitter Details](#)

**Submission Date:** 03/03/2026

**First Name:** Steve **Last Name:** Wakefield

[Feedback](#)

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No.

**General rate business differential**

We're proposing to lower the business rates differential from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the overall share of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers consistent despite business property valuations rising more than residential in the 2025 revaluation.

[Read more about the business differential on page 21 of the Consultation Document \(or about differential categories generally from page 26 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

Do you support our proposal to lower the differential paid by business property owners from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the current overall proportion of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers the same?

No.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree that services should be funded by the service users, as opposed to all ratepayers?**

Neither agree nor disagree.

**The Climate Resilience Fund**

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, we could pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 and resume contributions to the fund from 2027/28.

[Read more about the Climate Resilience Fund on page 24 of the Consultation Document.](#)

**Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?**

Pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/2027, resuming contributions from 2027/2028.

**Contestable community grants**

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27. Alternatively, we could reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.

[Read more about contestable community grants on page 25 of the Consultation Document. For a full list of the grants we have the option of reducing funding for, visit \[letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\]\(http://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\).](#)

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**Which option do you support for contestable community grants?**

Provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27, as planned.

**Do you have any comments about the options for contestable community grants in 2026/27?**

The arts are struggling and we should not reduce arts funding. The arts and community causes make our city better and stronger.

**The Environmental Partnerships Fund**

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to increase the Environmental Partnerships Fund by \$300,000. Alternatively, we could retain funding at the current \$700,000 per year, and reduce rates by 0.04% in 2026/27.

[Read more about the Environmental Partnership Fund on page 25 of the Consultation Document and on our website: here.](#)

**Which option do you support for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?**

Retain the funding in the Environmental Partnerships Fund at the current \$700,000 per year, reducing rates by 0.04% in 2026/27.

**Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending on three waters (e.g. drinking water, wastewater, stormwater)? If not, leave blank.**

Fix the smell problem in Bromley.

**Potential disposal of Council-owned properties**

We're proposing to sell a small number of properties that we've found no longer serve their original purpose. Any properties confirmed as surplus would be sold through transparent, market-value processes in line with the Council policy.

[Read more about these properties on page 26 of the Consultation Document \(or from page 239 of the Draft Annual Plan\). See property locations and access reports here.](#)

**Do you support the Council selling these properties?**

Yes.

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Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy.

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The square cannot be revitalised without the Cathedral being re-opened. It is time to break the deadlock and move forward. The Council should commit at least \$30m to the Cathedral. The iconic buildings fund is a good approach to support this and the other important sites in the city, but the Cathedral is the most important and time critical.

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**From:** Garry Moore [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 March 2026 9:45 pm  
**To:** CCC Plan  
**Cc:** Rosemary Neave  
**Subject:** Submission by Tuesday Club for Annual Plan  
**Categories:** 5.Submission

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The Tuesday Club held a meeting addressed by Sam MacDonald and Pauline Cotter regarding the Annual Plan. The session was put up on our Facebook page and received 600 views.

We wish to make a submission to the Annual Plan on the following matters:

1. Additional funds as requested by the Museum Board; the possibility of a charge for overseas visitors; and consideration of combining the governance of the Arts Centre and the Museum over capital planning.
2. Investment in the Cathedral being conditional on the Anglican Church agreeing to the building becoming a public building.
3. Experience from the External Advisory Group with excessive planning for capital projects.
4. Council planning for crisis.
5. Alternative use of CCC land.
6. Issues raised in CCC formal questionnaire.

Garry Moore  
For Tuesday Club

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 27/03/2026

First Name: Kit Last Name: Doudney

If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:

Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document or on our website here.](#) Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

### Estuary Trust Submission

Christchurch City Council's Draft Annual Plan, Mahere Rautaki ā tau 2026/2027

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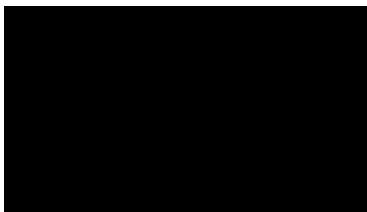
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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

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**Do you support our proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers (which is higher than the 5.80% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.4%?**

[Read more about proposed changes to rates from page 19 of the Consultation Document \(or about rates generally from page 24 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

Yes.

#### General rate business differential

We're proposing to lower the business rates differential from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the overall share of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers consistent despite business property valuations rising more than residential in the 2025 revaluation.

[Read more about the business differential on page 21 of the Consultation Document \(or about differential categories generally from page 26 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

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Don't know.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree that services should be funded by the service users, as opposed to all ratepayers?**

Disagree.

#### The Climate Resilience Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, we could pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 and resume contributions to the fund from 2027/28.

[Read more about the Climate Resilience Fund on page 24 of the Consultation Document.](#)

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Continue with the planned 0.25% rates increase in 2026/27, and apply an additional 0.25% each year of the Long Term Plan.

**Do you have any comments about the options for the Climate Resilience Fund?**

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It is of critical importance to ensure we can adapt to changes in the environment brought about by climate change

### Contestable community grants

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27. Alternatively, we could reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.

Read more about contestable community grants on page 25 of the Consultation Document. For a full list of the grants we have the option of reducing funding for, visit [letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan](http://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan).

#### Which option do you support for contestable community grants?

Provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27, as planned.

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Read more about the Environmental Partnership Fund on page 25 of the Consultation Document and on our website: [here](#).

#### Which option do you support for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?

Proceed with the planned \$300,000 increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund.

#### Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending on three waters (e.g. drinking water, wastewater, stormwater)? If not, leave blank.

Freshwater health and three-waters infrastructure are of paramount importance to Ngāi Tahu. We expect the Council to prioritise their protection and long-term investment.

We believe a joint Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO) model for water services offers the strongest long-term outcomes for communities. We support Christchurch City Council partnering with other Territorial Authorities' water service entities within the Ngāi Tahu takiwā for the benefit of all communities.

- *We request active involvement at both governance and technical levels in the development of the Council's Water Services Strategy.*

We have significant concerns with the discharge of wastewater into Whakaraupō, as well as discharges into the Opawaho and other waterways within our takiwā

- *We request involvement in the decisions and discussions about infrastructure for harbour settlements and adequate investment in this Annual Plan to address our immediate concerns.*

Central to Ngāti Wheke identity is our mahinga kai. Ngāti Wheke also retains customary right to safely gather and access mahinga kai through out our rohe. Critical to safely gathering is if the kai that is gathered is safe to eat. The Whakaraupō mātaimai and Rāpaki mātaimai are legislated as customary fishing areas (mahinga kai). The Ihutai (Avon-Heathcote Estuary) is also a significant mahinga kai for Ngāti Wheke. These areas are the receiving environment for many of Council's infrastructure outflows, overflows and discharges which carry contaminants that make mahinga kai unsafe for consumption.

- **We request that the Council's plans and policies (including infrastructure design and implementation) recognise these receiving environments as the food gathering areas that they are. And that any upstream activities are managed to a standard that make our mahinga kai safe to consume (i.e. meet water quality thresholds for a shellfish gathering standard vs swimming standard)**

Protection and restoration of our mahinga kai requires the restoration of habitats and populations that support

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gathering. Restoration and regeneration activities for our mahinga kai can be prohibitively expensive to undertake. The added cost in time and money of having to get consent to undertake these activities can result in the restoration activities not being undertaken at all.

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Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending in other areas of the capital programme? If not, leave blank.

#### Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

We're proposing to sell a small number of properties that we've found no longer serve their original purpose. Any properties confirmed as surplus would be sold through transparent, market-value processes in line with the Council policy.

[Read more about these properties on page 26 of the Consultation Document \(or from page 239 of the Draft Annual Plan\). See property locations and access reports here.](#)

Do you support the Council selling these properties?

In part.

Do you have any comments about selling these properties? Or are there any you'd like the Council to retain and, if so, why?

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke strongly oppose the disposal of the three parcels of land at 156 McCormacks Road at this time to allow time for us to undertake research to confirm the significance of this site to us as manawhenua.

#### Restoring our iconic buildings

We want your views on investing in the restoration of four 'iconic' buildings – Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury Museum, Canterbury Provincial Chambers and Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre. We estimate that the total funding gap between the estimated restoration costs and the funds committed from all sources is around \$290 million. Closing this gap would require funding from multiple sources, including central government. Any contribution the Council makes would also have an impact on rates increases.

[Read more about the iconic buildings on page 28 of the Consultation Document.](#)

How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?

Not very important – may have some benefit, but is unlikely to significantly influence the city's future.

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Article II of Te Tiriti o Waitangi;

Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu Act 1996;

The 1997 Deed of Settlement between Ngāi Tahu and the Crown; and

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The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998.

The Kaupapa Whakakotahi of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Charter and Te Kawenata acknowledge that the tino rangatiratanga of Ngāi Tahu resides in Papatipu Rūnanga. Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki) Rūnanga (Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke) is one of the 18 Papatipu Rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu.

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Extending out 12 nautical miles, sharing kaitiaki responsibility along shared boundaries with our whānau of Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata, Wairewa Rūnanga, Taumutu Rūnanga and Ngāi Tūāhuriri.

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This Takiwā statement reflects the areas of significance that Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke have always and will continue to, express Rangatiratanga and kaitiaki within. It adequately and appropriately expresses, where it is our expectation to be engaged with, included in decision making, supported and enabled, to express our role as kaitiaki and mana whenua of this place

We wish to work in a “new age of co-operation” promised to us by the Crown in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 apology. xTe Hapū o Ngāti Wheke seeks a genuine Tiriti-based partnership with the Christchurch City Council that embeds rangatiratanga and supports shared governance and direction-setting.

#### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

As mana whenua, we uphold our rangatiratanga within our rohe and seek an enduring relationship with the Council that gives practical effect to that authority. This requires moving beyond transactional consultation toward a genuine, sustained partnership—both in governance-level decision-making and in implementation on the ground.

Our ability to respond effectively to issues in our rohe and to develop solutions to these issues is limited by the availability of high-quality data and information. Collaboration with Council on this issue is critical.

**- We request the development of a shared data ecosystem with CCC that would support Ngāti Wheke ability to effectively monitor and detect issues in a manner that that supports build hapū resilience and development of solutions to these issue.**

The Council has clear responsibilities under the Local Government Act to maintain and improve opportunities for Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke to participate in decision-making processes. Improvement must be continuous: 2026 must be better than 2025, and 2027 better again.

- *We request quarterly mana-to-mana meetings between the Mayor and our Chair.*

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#### GOVERNANCE APPOINTMENTS

As a strategic partner, we seek to support the appointment of strong governors and decision-makers. Our kaitiakitanga responsibilities and te ao Māori perspectives strengthen and safeguard Council processes.

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#### SPACIAL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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#### PROCUREMENT

Procurement is a key mechanism through which partnership can be made real. New procurement models create meaningful pathways for local businesses to contribute to community wellbeing while delivering high-quality services.

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#### CONCLUSION

We request that the Council's Annual Plan make provision for:

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**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents. You can read the Christchurch City Council's privacy statement [here](#).

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### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 26/03/2026

**First Name:** Barbara **Last Name:** Stewart

### Feedback

#### Short submission form

This is our short submission form. Got more to say? Use our [full submission form](#).

Our full submission form includes a wider range of questions so you can provide feedback on more topics, such as the general rate business differential, the Climate Resilience Fund, contestable community grants, the Environmental Partnership Fund, areas of our capital programme, and the potential sale of Council-owned properties. You can answer any questions you wish and leave the others blank.

#### Rates

**Do you support our proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers (which is higher than the 5.80% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.4%?**

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Yes.

**Do you have any comments on the proposed average rates increase?**

In my request for historic building funding the outcome could mean a very very small increase in rates.

#### Grants, funding, fees and charges

We're proposing some updates to our grants, funding, and fees/charges. Some fees will stay the same, while others will increase to keep up with rising costs. We're also proposing changes to our grants and funding so they reflect what the community needs as well as what the Council can afford, with some programmes receiving more support and others changing.

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document or on our website here. Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.](#)

**Do you support the overall direction of our proposed changes to grants, funding, and fees/charges?**

No.

#### Comments

In addition to the changes we're proposing to grants, funding, and fees and charges, we're also proposing some other changes to our spending in 2026/27 to make sure we're focusing on what the city needs most and can afford. This includes paying more for essential services and infrastructure, updating budgets where costs have risen, and adjusting the timing of some projects so we only charge ratepayers for work we're confident we can deliver in the year ahead.

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**Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to grants and funding, fees and charges, or spending for 2026/27?**

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Document attached.

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[Read more about the iconic buildings on page 28 of the Consultation Document.](#)

#### How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?

Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy.

#### Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?

In order to achieve an improved funding request from all four of these historic and iconic buildings, maybe there will definitely have to be an increase in funding. (Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury Museum, Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre and the Canterbury Provincial Chambers). When the government realises how critical they are to the city in this modern day reality and are of the most historic places in our city they could be persuaded to also increase their funding to these historic projects.

### Future feedback?

#### For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents. You can read the Christchurch City Council's privacy statement [here](#).

Yes.

Attached Documents

My Submission

Barbara Stewart  
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Christchurch 8052

Restoring our Iconic Buildings

The broad overview of my submission is to wholeheartedly support my desire for the ongoing restoration of the heritage buildings all of which have begun some sort of restoration programme. All of the following buildings, the Christ Church Cathedral, the Canterbury Museum, Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre and the Canterbury Provincial Chambers, are unique in the history of our city. Whilst the population will take pride in the building of the new sports and conference centre, they all require maintenance and running costs in their ongoing existence. Obviously, these new buildings have been all at the expense of upgrading, repairing and running of the historic buildings of the city's history and which now all face a very precarious future. The issues of Christ Church Cathedral have all influenced the downward existence of the run-down state of Cathedral square. We cannot continue to limp onwards, there must be a far more concentrated desire and funding toward resolving each buildings issues. The Canterbury Museum, beside Hagley Park, is one end of the remarkable book ends of the 'Arts' precinct of our city, which begins at one end with the central Cathedral and square all the way along Worcester Boulevard and its surrounds with other notable features, such as the central Art Gallery, the library, the Court Theatre and the Conference Centre, including the Arts Centre, (which to achieve its entire restoration does not have to go far until the whole group of exceptional historic buildings are completed).

Overall, the future of all 'City Plans' should accept the reality that into the future the maintenance and running of these truly superb buildings has to be considered with their accompanying financing as a central city matter of the reality and treasure these unique places in our city - not for them to constantly keep arguing for funding against other items of the city's overall business.

New City Housing Developments

Driving, or biking, or walking, through the older suburbs of Christchurch is remarkably beautiful. Past citizens of up to 150 years ago have planted superb trees to beautify an otherwise flat city. I consider it a great loss of opportunity to travel through and past the considerable number of the city's new suburbs to see not a green tree appearing between the endless rows of new houses. There appears to be no effort to start giving the future addition of our city a green home environment.

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 27/03/2026

**First Name:** Derek **Last Name:** Wallace

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

ICON - Inner City West Neighbourhood Association

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

Chair

### Feedback

#### Rates

**Do you support our proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers (which is higher than the 5.80% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.4%?**

[Read more about proposed changes to rates from page 19 of the Consultation Document \(or about rates generally from page 24 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

Yes.

**Do you have any comments on the proposed average rates increase?**

We are facing a critical period so this is no time to be reducing revenue from rates.

I note the Mayor's aspiration to bring rates down to within the 2-4% p.a. cap that the Central government is intending to impose even more quickly than would be required. I disagree with this aspiration. It is not clear cut that National will have the numbers needed; an if it is legislated this year, it might be reversed before it is scheduled to start. Labour and the Greens have both signalled opposition to the cap. So, in sum, the Council should not move any more quickly than the law requires.

#### General rate business differential

We're proposing to lower the business rates differential from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the overall share of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers consistent despite business property valuations rising more than residential in the 2025 revaluation.

[Read more about the business differential on page 21 of the Consultation Document \(or about differential categories generally from page 26 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

**Do you support our proposal to lower the differential paid by business property owners from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the current overall proportion of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers the same?**

No.

**Do you have any comments about our proposed changes to the business rates differential?**

The established link between valuation and rate-setting should be maintained as an inviolable principle applying to all.

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### Fees and charges

We're proposing some changes to our fees and charges in our Draft Annual Plan. While some fees will remain unchanged, to help avoid creating barriers for residents, others will be adjusted in line with the rising cost of providing services.

[Read more about fees and charges on page 22 of the Consultation Document \(with more information from page 104 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

#### Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

These seem reasonable.

#### To what extent do you agree or disagree that services should be funded by the service users, as opposed to all ratepayers?

Strongly disagree.

### The Climate Resilience Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, we could pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 and resume contributions to the fund from 2027/28.

[Read more about the Climate Resilience Fund on page 24 of the Consultation Document.](#)

#### Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?

Continue with the planned 0.25% rates increase in 2026/27, and apply an additional 0.25% each year of the Long Term Plan.

#### Do you have any comments about the options for the Climate Resilience Fund?

To even suggest that contributions to the fund should be paused will be seen as a very bad look by all citizens who understand the implications of climate change - and that is a growing number. This is even more the case when emissions from the Council's own operations are increasing, "and it has no idea if it will reach its target of being net carbon neutral by 2030" (the Press, 19/3/26)

### Contestable community grants

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27. Alternatively, we could reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.

[Read more about contestable community grants on page 25 of the Consultation Document. For a full list of the grants we have the option of reducing funding for, visit \[letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\]\(http://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\).](#)

#### Which option do you support for contestable community grants?

Provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27, as planned.

#### Do you have any comments about the options for contestable community grants in 2026/27?

With financial and other pressures on community groups increasing, any suggestion to reduce funding is reprehensible. Community solidarity is more than ever vital in these times of environmental and political uncertainty, and with the certain prospect of increasing immigration to our city.

### The Environmental Partnerships Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to increase the Environmental Partnerships Fund by \$300,000. Alternatively, we could retain funding at the current \$700,000 per year, and reduce rates by 0.04% in 2026/27.

[Read more about the Environmental Partnership Fund on page 25 of the Consultation Document and on our website: \[here\]\(#\).](#)

#### Which option do you support for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?

Proceed with the planned \$300,000 increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund.

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**Do you have any comments about the options for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?**

This work is crucial for long-term sustainability of Canterbury, and enabling and encouraging community groups is important for building the grassroots support and social cohesion which will be needed to reduce climate change impacts.

**Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending on three waters (e.g. drinking water, wastewater, stormwater)?** If not, leave blank.

Because of current water quality in Canterbury at large (nitrate levels), close monitoring of water entering the city environs should be a priority.

**Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending on parks?** If not, leave blank.

The goals for expanding tree cover should also be high priority.

**Potential disposal of Council-owned properties**

We're proposing to sell a small number of properties that we've found no longer serve their original purpose. Any properties confirmed as surplus would be sold through transparent, market-value processes in line with the Council policy.

[Read more about these properties on page 26 of the Consultation Document \(or from page 239 of the Draft Annual Plan\). See property locations and access reports here.](#)

**Do you support the Council selling these properties?**

Yes.

**Do you have any comments about selling these properties? Or are there any you'd like the Council to retain and, if so, why?**

We would like to see revenue raised from these sales deployed to bolster long-term commitments. For example, added to the Climate Resilience Fund, or used to speed up essential infrastructure renewal, or retire debt.

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**How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?**

Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy.

**Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?**

For us, it is imperative that all four iconic buildings be eventually restored. See my opinion piece in the Press of 18 March 2026 for a suggestion of how a scaled, progressive, and affordable approach can be adopted that will move all projects forward. The relevant part of my proposal is attached to this page. [Below]

To be sure, the projects are not equal in terms of their current progress towards completion, their importance to the city both economically and culturally, or in terms of their historical and national significance, so uneven funding is unavoidable. But finding the best basis for selective allocation is the important task.

So what could that basis be? Planners and managers often talk about "critical path analysis" - a methodological process that involves working out and following the optimal sequence of development steps to allow the most efficient and timely completion of a project. Typically, this approach is applied in relation to a single project. It is

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not often employed as a way of analysing the order of action among several projects at once.

My suggestion is that we take up the challenge of using the approach to establish how all the big four projects could be retained, but their restoration organised (prioritised) using the logic of a critical path analysis, rather than by public appeal alone.

When we start to think this way, a clear way forward emerges, in my view.

Under any measure, the timely completion of the Museum is of fundamental importance. Huge amounts of public funding have already been dedicated to the project, but it is useless in its current state of restoration. It needs to be fast tracked to the point where it can start making the significant contribution to tourism revenue that we know it is capable of. This might not mean it has to be completely finished. Perhaps it is still possible to sequence the rebuild so that parts can be left until the other parts are in use.

The Cathedral also has had a substantial sum of money spent on restoration. Much of it has been private rather than public money, and arguably it should stay that way. Bu the city has a stake in its historic, symbolic, and touristic drawing power. Dismantling the whole thing at this stage is surely unsupportable. It needs to have enough done to it so that the fences surrounding it and blocking access to the square can be entirely taken down, and so that it no longer interferes with the ongoing development of the central city. As Joe Bennett pointed out in a recent Press column, the building can be an object of appreciation and even one that is revenue-generating in an uncompleted and yet stable state, which it is close to being right now. Rates funding could be used to guarantee at least this outcome.

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That leaves the Canterbury Provincial Buildings, the site that set the architectural example for all the other buildings in the big four list, and possessing surviving elements of extraordinary interior design. A responsible approach to the big four projects, as outlined above, should be able to release the funds to finally kick-start the restoration of this iconic structure. If not – and as long as it can be maintained in its stabilized state – it could wait.

But clear arguments would need to be made for waiting – not just its position in a list of uninformed prioritising.

I would argue, in closing, that this sort of analysis could and should have been done by the professional planners at the Council, and a fully developed proposal put out to citizens for information and comment, rather than exposing the whole endeavour to the risks of over-hasty opinion polling. Ideally, an oversight committee of all the main stakeholders should be established to mutually inform and help steer the progressive completion of the whole set.

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Yes  No  Don't know

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*These seem reasonable.*

To what extent do you agree or disagree that services should be funded by the service users, as opposed to all ratepayers?

Strongly agree  Agree  Neither agree nor disagree  Disagree  Strongly disagree  Don't know

If Strongly agree or Agree: Which services do you think should be funded by charging service users?

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Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?

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Pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/2027, resuming contributions from 2027/2028

Don't know

Do you have any comments about the options for the Climate Resilience Fund?

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### Capital programme

Capital spending is the money we put towards physical infrastructure projects, such as roading and three waters (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater) improvements, new community facilities like our libraries and recreation and sport centres, and upgrades to parks and reserves.

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes investing \$598.9 million in capital projects in 2026/27. It focuses on water, transport, parks, facilities, and climate adaptation, while refining project timing to ensure the programme is realistic, deliverable, and cost-effective.

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending on transport (e.g. roads, footpaths, cycleways)?  
(if not, please leave blank)

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Because of current water quality in Canterbury at large (nitrate levels), close monitoring of water entering the city environs should be a priority.

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The goals for <sup>expanding</sup> tree cover should also be high priority.

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- Yes  In part  No  Don't know

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How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?

- Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy  
 Important – worth pursuing if funding can be secured  
 Somewhat important – would add value, but only after higher priority projects  
 Not very important – may have some benefit, but is unlikely to significantly influence the city's future  
 Not important – other priorities matter more  
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Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 from Carroll, Sam

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 27/03/2026

First Name: Sam Last Name: Carroll

Postal address: [REDACTED]

Suburb: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

Country: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Daytime Phone: (required if you want to speak at hearings)

[REDACTED]

Age: [REDACTED]

Gender: [REDACTED]

Ethnicity: [REDACTED]

### Feedback

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Don't know.

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No

#### General rate business differential

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Do you support our proposal to lower the differential paid by business property owners from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the current overall proportion of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers the same?

Don't know.

#### Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document or on our website here.](#) Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

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Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 from Carroll, Sam

Dear Christchurch City Council,

I am writing to formally raise an urgent safety concern regarding the road layout and traffic conditions outside our home at **Wakatu Avenue, Moncks Bay**, specifically **[REDACTED]** on **Main Road** adjacent to the recently installed traffic island.

Since moving into the property in November, there have now been **three vehicle crashes at this exact location**, all of which appear to be related to vehicles losing control on the bend.

- **November:** A vehicle lost control, drove through our fence, and would likely have entered our home if our garden shed had not stopped it.
- **Early this year:** A second vehicle went through our neighbour's fence during the night (approximately 2am).
- **February 28<sup>th</sup>** : Two vehicles were involved in another crash on the same corner.

In addition to these crashes, we frequently hear **tyres screeching on the bend**, particularly at night and during wet weather, indicating that drivers are regularly approaching the corner too fast.

Local residents believe the issue has worsened since the **installation of the traffic island**, which appears to have effectively tightened the bend compared with the previous road layout. This road is also used by **large vehicles, including heavy trucks and fuel tankers**, particularly when the tunnel is closed, which happens regularly. Unfortunately, many drivers do not appear to be adhering to the **posted 40km/h speed limit**.

This situation is extremely concerning for our family and neighbours. **[REDACTED]**, and the repeated crashes and near misses are both distressing and dangerous. The frequency of incidents strongly suggests that the current road design and speed environment are not working safely.

I am particularly concerned that, without intervention, it may take a **more serious or catastrophic incident** before meaningful action is taken.

Given the number of crashes and near misses already recorded, I respectfully request that the Council **urgently review the safety of this location**. In particular, we would appreciate:

- An **update on any investigations or safety measures** currently being considered for this corner.
- A **site inspection** by the appropriate transport or road safety team.
- Consideration of **additional safety improvements**, such as stronger speed-calming measures, improved signage, protective barriers, or a review of the traffic island design.

From our observations, **speed is the key issue at this location rather than visibility**, and any solution should prioritise slowing vehicles before they reach the bend.

We are very keen to work constructively with the Council to improve safety for residents, pedestrians, and motorists. However, communication on this matter has been limited to date, and we would greatly appreciate clarity on the **next steps and expected timeframes for action**.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,  
**Sam Carroll**  
Wakatu Avenue  
Moncks Bay  
Christchurch

#### Future feedback?

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

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Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 from Carroll, Sam

You can read the Christchurch City Council's privacy statement [here](#).

Yes.

Name

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