

SUBMISSIONS FOR MONDAY 17 MAY 2010

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Community Facilities Policy and 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan*

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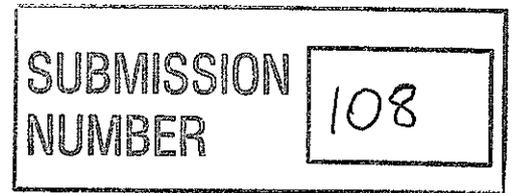
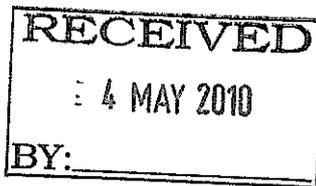
**ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2010/2011 DRAFT
 ANNUAL PLAN, 2010 DRAFT COMMUNITY FACILITIES
 POLICY AND 2010 DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION
 PLAN**

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Key:

DCCAP	Draft Climate Change Action Plan
DAP	Draft Annual Plan
DCFP	Draft Community Facilities Policy



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I would like to make an oral submission: Yes

I am making this submission: individual

Governance: I am disappointed with this online form which provides sections for comment on topic, but not overall comment on the DAP. The paper form from the Council allows space for 'Your Comments' and is not constrained by topic in this way. Why is the online form different? Do you take one format more seriously than the other? Which?

I attended two public meetings with Councillors and staff and received two letters from the City Libraries Manager in recent weeks, and I want to say how unimpressed I was with the performance of both elected representatives and staff, who were unforthcoming with real information but very strong on mere repeated assertions.

Sometimes the statements made in public did not make sense. An outstanding example arose at a public meeting about the Draft Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan. Cr. Best asserted that members of the public need not fear the closure of libraries because none of the libraries met the criterion for 'low use', one of a number of criteria which, if the Policy is adopted, would enable the closure of libraries. However, when asked what constitutes 'low use', Cr Best did not know and deferred to the staff member responsible for the Draft Policy. This officer stated in Cr Best's presence that the definition of 'low use' had not yet been developed. It was clear that Cr. Best was merely asserting that no libraries currently meet the 'low use' definition, on the basis of no

information. This approach really undermines public confidence in Council and strongly gave the impression that Councillors were trying to hide something.

Secondly, Councillors asserted that all sections of Council's budget were under pressure and all were being asked to reduce their budgets. When asked if an examination of ALL sections would show a decrease like that of the libraries budget, Cr. Best explained that there might be a few exceptions and not all parts of Council operations would show a decline. She gave the cleaning of public toilets as an example of an area where funding would not decrease. In fact an examination of the budgets in the Draft Annual Plan shows that in certain areas the Council is not cutting back at all. The Draft Annual Plan budget is higher than that projected in the LTCCP for: Tourism Promotion (up by 10.26%); Events attraction & support (up by 6.8%). But funding for the Libraries network is down by 7.73%.

I make these comments in the Governance section because I felt the Council failed to provide clear, honest responses to genuine questions and this has negatively affected my level of trust in the Councillors and staff.

Social & Recreation: My comments relate to the libraries.

The DAP contains two significant threats to the libraries. These are (a) the budget and (b) the Draft Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan.

(a) The budget for Libraries in the DAP indicates a significant decrease on previous years and a decline in nearly 8% from that envisaged only last year in the Long-Term Council Community Plan for the 2010/11 year, down by \$1,805,000 or 7.73%. Correspondence I have received from the City Libraries Manager does not fully account for this discrepancy.

The question arises, why is the Council supporting tourism and events promotion at the expense of libraries?



Draft 2010 Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan submission form

We want to know your views. You can make a submission by mail, email, internet and fax.

Post: Freepost 2199, Community Facilities Policy Review, Wellington City Council, Wellington
Email: community.facilities@wcc.govt.nz
Online: www.Wellington.govt.nz
Fax: 04 801 3124

Submissions close at 5pm Monday 10 May 2010.

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About you

Are you making a submission as: An individual Representing a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent? _____

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Age Under 18 18-30 31-50 51-65 65+

How often do you (or your organisation) use our:

- Libraries More than once a week weekly monthly other (please specify) _____
- Swimming pools More than once a week weekly monthly other (please specify) _____
- Recreation centres More than once a week weekly monthly other (please specify) _____
- Community centre or hall More than once a week weekly monthly other (please specify) _____

If you would like to make an oral submission to the Hearings Subcommittee, please tick this box.
If you wish to make an oral submission, we will arrange a time for you to come and talk to Councillors some time in mid-May 2010.

Tell us what you think about the overall approach we are planning to take in the draft Community Facilities Policy.

The Policy & Plan document is plainly a blueprint for destroying our libraries networks. Libraries are core services for Wellington City Council.

I think the Community Facilities Policy needs to include policies & plans for expanding and intensively promoting libraries. This expansion should include increased opening



What do you think about the areas of focus in our strategic priorities? Are these the right ones?

hours, wide-ranging community programmes,
and outreach services

More than

**Do you agree with the investment proposals we have identified in our plan?
Are there any others you think we should consider?**

What do you think of the timing of these investment proposals?

**Tell us what you think about limiting public access to some parts of our pools at peak times
so we can provide more learn-to-swim classes until the new learners' pools are built.**

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10 MAY 2010

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**SUBMISSION
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Sent: Sunday, 9 May 2010 10:07 a.m.
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Subject: Submission to draft Annual Plan
Attachments: Submission WCC Draft Annual Plan_Jville Ezy Movers.doc

Attached is a submission to the
Draft Annual Plan 2010/11 (COPO03)
Wellington City Council

A submission on behalf of the Johnsonville Ezy Movers

(A Northern Suburbs seniors' aquatic keep-fit group operating out of the Keith Spry Pool, Johnsonville)

Prepared by Douglas Wilson (a member of the group) after consultation with the group.
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I would like to make an oral submission in support of this submission.

Could you please confirm receipt of this submission by return email. It is not clear from your website whether submission by email is permitted. If it is not please contact me by phone (on Monday) and I will ensure a printed copy is delivered in time for the deadline.

Thank you

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This submission refers to the **Social and Recreation** section of the Draft Annual Plan, specifically to:

5.2 RECREATION PROMOTION AND ACCESS

5.3 RECREATION SERVICES

5.6 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT

About Johnsonville Ezy Movers

The Johnsonville Ezy Movers have been going for 20 years. Many of our group have been attending for 10 –15 years. Most members are over 60 with many in the 70's age group and a good number in their 80's. The average session attendance is between 20 to 30 people, with peaks of up to 40. There are currently three morning sessions a week at the Keith Spry Pool, each lasting approximately an hour, consisting of aerobic and other exercise under an instructor. Group members say how important the programme is in maintaining their mobility, fitness, and well-being.

The group also performs an important social function. We meet for morning tea once a week and for lunch three times a year. As well, members arrange their own socialising, eg coffee at the adjacent Mall. Close friendship and support groups have developed over the years.

It is an excellent example of how Council facilities and Council assistance can make a real difference in the health and lives of older people in Wellington. The members of the group are grateful for the support of the Council over a long period and look forward to continuing and improved support. We also wish to thank our instructor Lyn Clark and the friendly staff of Keith Spry Pool.

Keith Spry Pool is home for several other aquafitness classes who also maintain a wider social network. Keith Spry Pool is already an important community hub and with improved facilities and some local promotion could play a greater community development role for the Northern Suburbs.

Strategic Priorities for Swimming Pools do not include the needs of the elderly

The proposed strategic priorities for swimming pools in the plan do not take into account the needs of Wellington's growing elderly population. The demographics of Wellington are changing. It is now 65 years since the end of World War 2 and the large bulge of population known as the "baby boomers" are beginning to enter the ranks of the retired. We are sure the Council do not need to be reminded of this. But the Council does need to take account of this major and continuing change in developing its strategies. While we do not oppose an emphasis on "learn-to-swim" and the Council's proposed partnership with schools (most of us are grandparents or great grandparents), this needs to be balanced by an emphasis on meeting the needs of the growing elderly population within the Council's pools and aquatic facilities. The prime legislative responsibility of the Council in this area is promoting the health of the community. With its plant of pools within reasonably easy distance for most residents, it has an opportunity to make a major commitment to the health and well-being of older Wellington people by focussing on the development and promotion of fitness programmes such as the Ezy Mover programme; the use of pools by older people; and making its pools elder-friendly. We would like to see this included within the statements of strategic priorities. This could easily be achieved by a small change in wording to include the words "fitness programmes" within the statements of priorities in the plan as illustrated below, (the addition is in bold type):

The strategic priorities for swimming pools are to:

Manage demand and make the most of the current available pool space.

Improve opportunities for aquatic education, **fitness programmes** and learn-to-swim activities.

Provide facilities to meet the demand and growth in aquatic sport.

Pricing Policy

The casual price per Ezy Mover fitness session is \$9.50 (\$8.55 10 concession) falling to \$4.80 for Leisure Card holders. Without the Leisure Card concession many of our members on fixed incomes would struggle to pay \$9.50 a time for a service that is vital to their health and well being. \$9.50 a time for three sessions per week adds up to around \$1400 per annum, which is more than many annual Gym subscriptions.

Commercial Gyms typically offer much more in the way of exercise equipment than Keith Spry Pool. A number include pools within their facilities and access is not restricted to only 3 hour-long sessions per week. The value comparison with the Council's prices and service is not favourable to the Council.

The Council's pricing policy needs to bear in mind commercial prices for similar services. The Council with its mandate of community development should not be the price leader. We appreciate that it is reasonable to expect a user-pay contribution but would ask that the benefits to community health and well-being be also factored into pricing policy. We would not like to see any increase in the 40% User and 60% Rates ratio currently applied to pool finances.

When considering pricing for services to older residents, the Council could reflect on the fact that it is our rates over a long period of time that have enabled the Council to build up the facilities that we have now. In that sense we are users who have **already** paid. This should be reflected in pricing and in the criteria for Leisure Card concessions.

Ten years ago there were **twice** the number of people in the Ezy Movers group. On the basis of the increasing percentage of older people in the population, as the baby boomers start to come through, the numbers for the Ezy Mover group should have increased. Instead they have approximately **halved**. Why?

Over the same period the Council has relentlessly increased the prices but has not improved the basic facilities at Keith Spry Pool since the pool was built in 1982. There are no quality issues in terms of instruction that would account for this drop in numbers. The current instructor is highly thought of and her expertise, encouragement, and professionalism is appreciated by the group. There are quality issues with regard to the changing and showering facilities (see specific comment later in this submission) but as these have not changed they are unlikely to be the reason for the drop in numbers. We believe it is reasonable to point to increasing costs as the chief cause.

The lack of any significant capital expenditure at Keith Spry Pool for a long period of time means there has been a cross-subsidisation of other suburbs aquatic facilities from the users of Keith Spry Pool. The Council either needs to improve the facilities at Keith Spry Pool or reflect the current inadequate facilities in its pricing.

We suggest that the Council consider an annual membership of between \$500 – 600 for three sessions per week for Leisure Card Holders as fair treatment for the older people who join their Aquatic Fitness Classes. We recommend that the casual rate be reviewed downward, taking into account comparisons with commercial alternatives for fitness.

Management of demand

We note the comments on management of demand within the Annual Plan: *“We will be looking to prioritise swimming programmes and the allocation of space across the network of pools to manage this demand”*. We hope that this will not be at the expense of fitness programmes that meet the needs of the older Wellington population.

Opening Hours

We also note *“We are also looking to align pool opening hours to high demand times which will reduce opening hours at times when our aquatic facilities are under-utilised to save on costs”*. We hope that this does not mean closing pools during the morning, as this is the most suitable time for fitness classes and activity for older people. It fits best into our daily rhythms, which often require an afternoon rest. Pools need to be available for Cardiac Rehab, keep fit programmes, and “aqua activities” for our aging population at times that suit them. Closing pools at times when they could be used for these purposes could prove counter-productive to meeting the Council's community development and health promotion mandates.

Marketing to improve off-peak usage

Off-peak usage can be increased through a combination of improving facilities, pricing policy, and marketing of fitness programmes such as Ezy Movers. Currently Ezy Movers is not marketed by the Council – the information is available but you have to go looking for it. Word-of-mouth promotion by users also plays a part. We hope that the Council will move to actively promote its pools and fitness programmes for the elderly by committing resources to marketing. It's high time the Johnsonville Ezy Mover classes were advertised in the Northern Suburbs newspapers, shops, on local notice boards, in the Library and Medical Centres.

Improving facilities at Keith Spry Pool to meet user needs

Changing Rooms & Showers:

The men and women's changing rooms need re-designing. There is general dissatisfaction with the current facilities both in terms of quality and size.

A typical comment from a lady user is, *"We seem to wait for hours cold and wet queuing for the showers."* The current facilities are too small for a group as large as the Ezy-Mover group, particularly the women's facilities (the ratio of women to men in the group is about 5 to 1).

The current facilities cannot cope adequately with many women changing and showering at the same time. There are only two showers for more than 20 women which results in long shivering queues. There are no doors to the women's changing room with two entrances, which causes a through draught and it is open to the outside temperature through a number of grilles. There is no apparent heating. It is an extremely cold and unpleasant space in winter, conducive to catching chills and colds. The mechanisms installed to ensure economy in hot water use do not work properly and at times result in delays of several minutes between users during which no amount of pressing will activate the shower. This exacerbates the situation described above.

Suggestions for improving the women's changing rooms include increasing the number of showers, using a combination of more private cubicles and open showers (as in the men's area) for those not so concerned with issues of privacy. This might encourage a quicker throughput. There is also a need to heat this space adequately particularly in winter time. There is also a need for more toilets in the women's changing room.

The men's changing room is down steep wet stairs and this is difficult for men with disabilities or even mild mobility problems. It has been a design fault from Day 1. There is a hot air blower in the wall by the shower which helps the temperature but the room is still quite cold.

We invite Councillors and Council Officers to come and join us on a cold day and experience for themselves these appalling conditions. Any pleasure or benefit from using a heated pool is considerably negated by the freezing cold changing rooms.

Finally there are sometimes issues of cleanliness in the changing rooms which need to be brought to the attention of pool management.

More showers and easier access for older users will encourage use of the pool by a larger number of older people in the community, enabling us to expand the exercise programmes.

Access

Better access to the deep pool is needed for less able swimmers and those with restricted mobility.

Maintenance

The sink unit in the Wet Lounge needs replacing. We doubt it would pass inspection by a Council Health Inspector. There is no hot water at the sink for washing dishes and the sink bench is rusty and probably a health hazard.

Maintenance has been neglected at Keith Spry Pool and there are many shabby areas

which decrease the attractiveness of the Pool for users. This lack of attention to problems is illustrated by the pay lockers which have had an out-of-order sign on them for months. Similarly, when one of the spa pools broke down, rather than fixing or replacing it, it was permanently removed, in spite of the fact that it had been well-used.

Equipment

High prices demand high standards. Equipment for Aquarobics is always inadequate. E.g., the foam tubes are chipped and cracked. Please see our previous comment about pricing policy.

Parking and Disabled Parking

Johnsonville is a difficult area for parking with the combination of supermarkets, street shops, mall, railway terminus, Council facilities (Library, Community Centre and Pool) and medical facilities and services, all in close proximity. The current space between the pool and the community centre is inadequate for Pool parking. We suspect that it is often used by commuters and shoppers. There are also insufficient disability parks. A number of our members qualify for these but are often unable to find ones to use. Over-flow parking for the Pool tends to go to the mall park which is unfair to shoppers. The Council needs to address the parking problems of Johnsonville as a whole but also needs to consider the needs of people with mobility problems who are using the pool as part of their fitness or rehabilitation programme. They need adequate close parking to the Pool.

We are concerned that the proposed additions to Keith Spry Pool - a joint learn-to-swim and hydrotherapy pool – could be at the expense of the current parking area. We hope that the need for adequate parking has been considered in the forward planning for this extension both during the construction phase and afterwards.

Proposed Keith Spry Pool developments

A dedicated separate learners and hydrotherapy pool, able to be kept at a higher temperature than the main pool, would increase the learn-to-swim capability and free the larger pool for exercise programmes and lane swimming. If the Council decides to go ahead with this development we hope that redesign and upgrading of the changing rooms will be part of the project. We also hope that the Pool can be kept operative during construction and that any necessary closures be of minimum length. If a long closure is necessary, as occurred when the pool plant was upgraded, we hope that alternative arrangements can be made for the Northern Suburbs Ezy-Mover group, eg bussing to another pool, as fitness programmes have to be continuous to be effective.

Research

This submission makes a number of claims as to the importance and benefits of aquatic fitness programmes for Wellington's older population. The evidence supplied is our members' personal experience and is anecdotal. As the baby boomers come through into the older age group it would be timely for the Council to commission some independent research as to the benefits of aquatic fitness programmes for older people. One possible study might be to look at the health and social outcomes for the Ezy Mover group compared with a control group of similar citizens.

Summary

Johnsonville Ezy Movers are a long-standing seniors' aquatic fitness group operating out of the Keith Spry Pool. The group meets the members' social needs as well as exercise needs and is an excellent example of how Council facilities and Council assistance can make a real difference in the health and lives of older people and help to build community. This submission is from the Ezy Movers group.

The proposed strategic priorities for swimming pools in the Annual Plan do not meet the needs of Wellington's growing older population, focussing as they do on learn to swim and aquatic sport activity. We do not oppose this focus but would wish to see it widened to include fitness programmes for the elderly. The baby boomers are now entering the retired population and this section of the Wellington population will grow rapidly. The Council has a legislative responsibility to promote the health of the community. Putting an emphasis on fitness programmes will enable the Council to meet its responsibilities for the growing older population, using its swimming pool assets. A simple word change to include this as a strategic priority is suggested in the submission.

Current casual pricing does not compare favourably with commercial gyms. It represents a potential outlay of over \$1400 a year for only 3 hours a week of classes. The Council should not be the price leader. The Leisure Card concession is vital for our members on fixed incomes to be able to participate. Group numbers have dropped over the past ten years because of the relentless price rises imposed by Council. It is the rates of older people that have enabled Council to build its swimming pools, so in that sense our members are users who have **already** paid.

The lack of any significant capital expenditure at Keith Spry Pool for a long period of time means there has been a cross-subsidisation of other suburbs aquatic facilities by the users of Keith Spry Pool.

Management of demand within swimming pools should not be at the expense of fitness programmes that meet the needs of the older Wellington population. Opening hours should not be altered to close pools in the mornings, which is the best time for older residents to take part in fitness programmes. Off-peak usage can be increased by more effective and active marketing of fitness programmes.

The men and women's changing rooms at Keith Spry Pool need re-designing. The changing rooms do not have enough showers and are cold and draughty. In this submission, we detail what's wrong with the changing rooms and suggest improvements. If the Council decides to go ahead with developments at Keith Spry Pool, redesign and upgrading of the changing rooms needs to be part of the project.

Other issues with Keith Spry Pool include the need for improved access to the deep pool for those with limited mobility, and replacement of the Wet Lounge sink which is unhygienic. The general shabbiness of the pool reflects a lack of maintenance.

There is insufficient dedicated parking for the pool and there are not enough disabled parks.

A proposed addition of a dedicated separate learners and hydrotherapy pool, able to be kept at a higher temperature than the main pool would increase the learn to swim capability and free the larger pool for exercise programmes and lane swimming.

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Submission of the Wellington Residents' Coalition on the 2010 Draft Annual Plan

The Wellington Residents' Coalition is concentrating on four areas with regard to the Draft Annual Plan

- upgrading of facilities;
- the environment;
- climate change; and
- rating differential.

1. Upgrading of Facilities

In general, proposed upgrades to facilities should be for the long-term, not for the Rugby World Cup, which will be a flash in the pan.

We welcome the upgrading of the Courtenay Place public toilets. We think, however, that the motivation should be that the citizens of Wellington need improved toilet facilities. There need to be more public toilets throughout the City, not just in the central business district. This would make life more comfortable for those who use active modes of transport. Rather than having artistic toilets on Kumatoto Wharf, there should be facilities all over the City.

2. Environment

On page 43 of the Draft Annual Plan is a photograph of what appears Te Raekaihau Point which seems fairly appropriate for the sustainability of Wellington's natural landscape and environment.

However the relationship it expresses in the rest of its plan for the environment departs from those principles vaguely implied.

Such words as enhance and other words used in the Draft Annual Plan tend to express a fetish for improving what seems to be to some councillors a rather untidy natural environment which needs a helping hand by commercial improvements and human engineered design for aesthetic enjoyment for the customers and visitors to Wellington's city.

Certainly this attitude is shown by some Councillors who supporting a Trust, which was unable to place a building with commercial activities on the Te Raekaihau Point because of court action by the residents, have managed to persuade Council to "tidy up" by uprooting and rearranging the landscape.







Just this last week they have begun to remove the natural “untidy growth” (see above) to make the view more pleasing for expected influx of tourist customers who will be here for the Rugby World Cup. How dare nature should stand in the way of good business!

3. Climate Change

3.1 The Trolleybus Network

The Council should encourage more electrically-powered transport by extending the trolleybus network. Two routes that could be electrified are the No. 14 (Wilton to Kibirnie) route, which was electrified until 1990, and the No. 44 (Khandallah to Strathmore) route.

3.2 Light Rail

In addition, the Council should make provision for light rail - something that will bring Wellington into the 21st century. Initially light rail could run through the main shopping streets of the central business district while most if not all buses could run along the Quays towards the Railway Station and up Featherston Street from the Railway Station.

3.3 Motorcycles

Given that the motorcycles have a much lower fuel consumption than cars, the Mercer Street motorcycle park should be retained.

3.4 Bus Shelters

Providing improved facilities for those who walk, cycle or use public transport is a good thing and we support the provision of more bus shelters. However:

1. the three-sided bus shelters are not very useful in the wind; and
2. bus shelters should also cater for those travelling away from the central business district.

With regard to the second point, it is disappointing to see that the Plan only proposes more shelters for inbound routes. Many people do not make outbound journeys to return home but to go to work, visit people or to go shopping in other suburbs.

3.5 Gas

We support the conversion of methane from waste into the less effective greenhouse gases carbon dioxide and water but we do believe that the facilities for the extraction and use of the gas should be owned by the Council.

4. Rating Differential

We are disappointed that under the proposed Plan residents will be paying over 50% (51%) of the general rate. Not only do most residents create value for the commercial sector and thereby for commercial property owners but commercial property owners can claim rates against their taxable income. Also, visitors to Wellington generally use commercial properties but they do not pay rates.

We ask that the change to the rating differential be reversed.

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Hi,

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We would also like to make an oral submission please.

Will you please confirm that you have received the submission and can open the attached file?

Thank you.

Regards,
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The following details have been submitted from the Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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I am making this submission: on behalf of an organisation

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Your role in that organisation: Committee member

Age: Over 65

How often do you use our libraries: More than once a week

How often do you use a community centre or hall: Monthly

Tell us what you think about the overall approach we are planning to take in the draft Community Facilities Policy: Page 1

COMMUNITY FACILITIES (GENERAL)

Date 10th. May 2010

SUBMISSION by WELLINGTON RESIDENTS COALITION

Viewpoint – Overview

Wellington Residents Coalition has in the past, always tried to represent the viewpoints of the majority of Wellington's people through its contacts and resident groups it associates with.

Our viewpoint considers that the Draft Annual Plan is over structured and ill defined in so far as the real needs of the community is concerned. We believe it does not properly address in general those basic needs.

Much of the rhetoric in the introduction of the Draft Annual Plan makes assumptions which do not really exist. The plan fails to consider the limits of growth for the city in the light of what it hopes it can achieve or to restrict its expenditure on projects that are not needed or that people do not really want. Public consultation on these types of processes leaves much to be desired (and that has applied to more than just a few of these processes in recent times).

If Council wishes to curb its economic excesses it should restrict its more fancied expensive projects that are put forward by various groups and look at the more basic needs of the ordinary members of the community who in the main have to meet the cost of this type of extravagance that Council so often seems so determined to undertake.

Some Issues concerning Councils planned changes to community services.

Libraries are basic to the needs of the community. They are part of the necessary communication and education service that enables people to learn and survive and sustain themselves in an ever increasingly crowded and competitive world.

Yet the Draft Annual Plan amongst its glib rhetorical language fails to mention that under its policy guidelines that it proposes to cut back on its library service rather dramatically and combine them with reduced community venue access.

We believe the term co-location is used to hide cut backs in community services.

It seems that in so far as libraries are concerned they will down sized from 14 to 7 dedicated library centres. Our understanding is that Brooklyn, Island Bay, Khandallah, Wadestown and Ngaio will disappear as dedicated library buildings and other community buildings made redundant to Council policy needs will probably be flogged off to property speculators which the majority of our present Council members seem to have been so fond of doing in the past.

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Community Centres have always been and still are an important part of community activities. In good times and hard times it serves for the community to protect itself.

How does one equate the supposedly cosy rhetoric that promises so much in

the Draft Annual Plan but in reality plans to deliver so little to those that need the most.

There is no clear indication as to how well Community Centre services will be maintained or how much reduction of those services there will be for a number of areas.

There are many not totally necessary projects that could be culled in order to provide better services than the rather mean provisions provided for in the Draft Annual Plan.

This would allow better facilities to be provided such as for swimming, sports areas and activities, walking areas along with toilet facilities and more generally adequate services at local levels for people.

Some Wellington City Councillors should look more closely at their aspirations for Wellington City rather than trying to create a Dubai of the Southern hemisphere.

Perhaps they should consider the resources that they have rather than those which they hope to create by borrowing.

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For Wellington Residents Coalition. Date 10th. May 2010

What do you think about the areas of focus in our strategic priorities? Are these the right ones: see above Question

Do you agree with the investment proposals we have identified in our plan? Are there any others you think we should consider: Not all of them

What do you think of the timing of these investment proposals: See question 1

Any other comments: We are making 3 submissions

Sharon Bennett

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From: Janice Schone [schonecat@yahoo.com.au]
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 4:58 p.m.
To: BUS: Climate Plan; BUS: Annual Plan; Jocelyn Brooks
Subject: 2010 Climate Change Submission
Attachments: The 2010 Draft Climate Change document.docx

I am submitting this submission for Jocelyn Brooks jocelynb@actrix.co.nz on behalf of the Wellington Residents' Coalition, who would like the opportunity to speak to the submission.

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SUBMISSION on WELLINGTON CITY'S DRAFT 2010 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

The 2010 Draft Climate Change document is reminiscent of the Copenhagen event in that much is spoken of as hoped for outcomes, but little is committed to.

The document itself is extravagantly produced, lavishly illustrated & with far more verbiage than solid content.

A wide range of objectives is set out but few specifics for achieving them stated.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY

The document refers to collaboration with the community including reducing emissions in a number of ways. It would be very positive for the Council to hold discussions with interested citizens on a variety of environmental and civic issues, being open to suggestions and information proffered by the latter (for example leaks in water pipes).

The Council could assist the installation of solar water heating units by providing consents without any cost to private homes.

The Council would need to listen and respond to citizens more positively than it has, for example, to Waterfront Watch before more citizens would think engagement worthwhile. This would be likely to bring out greater numbers to city elections.

THE WATERFRONT

The predicted rise of the sea level makes building permanent structures on the waterfront a foolish proposition. It would be better to halt any such building projects until the full effects of climate change on city buildings can be assessed. This leaves the space open to be enjoyed on foot and pedal-powered vehicles.

Well established buildings in the lower reaches of the city along the quays will need extra protection against water seepage and flooding into basements under the extra pressure from ground water that rising sea levels may bring.

Floating jetties have been suggested as replacements of deteriorating wharves on the outer rim of the waterfront.

FOREST PLANTING

It is good to read of the Councils activities in this respect and also those of volunteer groups. Perhaps some of the carbon credits earned under the Emissions Trading Scheme should be transferred to these groups in the form of consumables that they require in their work.

Every incentive and assistance should be given to these valuable volunteers.

TRANSPORT

The document explains the necessity for public transport to further replace private cars. Before this can happen public transport needs to be reliable and frequent. For further convenience electronic devices, showing the whereabouts of the buses at a particular time as provided in other cities would be very suitable.

In our windy city we need bus shelters which really do shelter - like the earlier wooden ones.

The city should be seriously planning and implementing a plan for the introduction of a form of light rail, to run through the city, from the railway station.

Motorways are highways for greenhouse gas emissions and need to be replaced by other links.

City Limits should be established for heavy vehicles, especially trucks with extra tonnage or trailers in order to preserve Wellington's fragile roads.

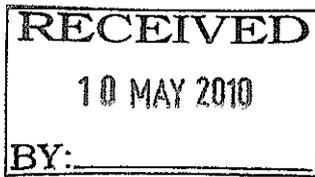
FUEL

BEWARE BIOFUELS! - The use of bio-fuels from Brazil, Malaysia, Indonesia and other third world countries, where indigenous forests are cut down and replaced by monoculture such as palms, corn etc. to produce bio-fuels, would be highly irresponsible to the environmentally aware.

Responsibility for the local environment must not be at the detriment of both the global environment or the welfare of the indigenous peoples.

The investigation into the use of electric vehicles is to be commended although we understand there are still problems of recharging to overcome.

Hopefully Wellington will soon have a plentiful supply of renewable electricity to draw on – which would also run the Light Rail system!



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Social & Recreation: Explore possibility of merging the Collegians CC with VUWCC and base this new club at Kelburn Park. To enhance and assist, transfer the Kelburn Croquet Club to be sited at Anderson Park. Enlarge the Kelburn Park cricket field to include the present croquet pitch.

Urban Development: Demolish the present Skyline Building. The exterior is an appalling disgrace and an embarrassment. It is a below average restaurant and has NEVER been a successful functions centre. In its place build a smaller tasteful cafe sited back from the present building.

Transport: Put road tolls at Ngauranga and/or Petone. Use the revenue to upgrade all metropolitan rail stock and services.



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Khandallah School Board of Trustees Submission

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The Khandallah School Board of Trustees asks that Councillors reinstate the originally proposed funding of \$2.065m for development of partnerships with schools to upgrade existing school pools and to improve opportunities for access to learn to swim programmes.

- Council's innovative plan to partner with schools is consistent with Council's definition of community facilities, which includes a wide range of facilities, both Council owned and not.
- Allocation of funding to support schools to maintain swimming pools is consistent with this philosophy and also Council's principle of making the best use of existing facilities. It will help Council achieve its targets for enrolment in learn to swim programmes and participation in aquatic education.
- Our school pool demonstrates how school pools can be used to provide learn to swim opportunities through a combination of school swimming and private lessons. However, we face significant upgrade costs to be able to keep our pool operating.
- The Board of Trustees of Khandallah School is concerned that the funding of \$500,000 in the Draft Annual Plan 2010/11 will be insufficient to meet Council's objectives of supporting schools to upgrade existing school pools to improve access to learn-to-swim opportunities.
- Debate over who is responsible for funding school pools diverts attention from the most important question, which is how to improve access for all children to learn to swim programmes?
- Further closures of school pools would place even more pressure on existing Council facilities and reduce the availability of learn-to-swim programmes in Wellington.

As Councillors are aware, many schools have ceased using their pools or removed their pools altogether. We suggest that this is not so much because schools do not want pools, but rather that the costs of running and maintaining pools and the funding available to do so are simply not compatible.

We present our situation as an example of how school swimming pools can be used to effectively meet Council objectives of increasing learn to swim opportunities and also to illustrate the challenges schools face in funding swimming pools. School situations will differ and the approach individual schools take and the type of support they need will vary.

We believe that the originally proposed Council fund of \$2.065m would go further in assisting schools to address the challenges than the currently planned fund of \$500,000.

Utilisation of Khandallah School's Swimming Pool

The Khandallah School swimming pool is an indoor, heated swimming pool which makes it well suited to providing swimming lessons for children. We operate our pool through a partnership with EasySwim Swim School, which allows us to meet normal operating costs and also maximises the use of the pool for helping children learn to swim. EasySwim provide day-to-day management of the facility, expert instructors for our school swimming lessons and the rental income allows the school to meet the operating costs of maintaining the swimming pool.

All Khandallah School children have a term of weekly school swimming lessons each year. In addition to this EasySwim also provide swimming lessons in the Khandallah School pool for around 200 children from Crofton Downs School, Kelburn Normal School and St Benedict's School.

As well as school swimming lessons, EasySwim uses the school pool seven days a week to provide swimming lessons for over 650 children a term. EasySwim report that demand for the swim school exceeds availability of places and that while the majority of children come from Khandallah and Ngaio they also get a number of children travelling from areas such as Wadestown, Karori, Johnsonville and Churton Park. EasySwim stopped advertising some time ago and still has considerable waiting lists.

If Khandallah School is no longer able to operate the swimming pool there would be a very significant loss of learn-to-swim opportunities for children in the local area. Even if other swimming lesson providers are able to cater for this group, there is some risk that convenience has been a factor in the high demand and that parents may be less likely to travel further for lessons.

Challenges in Maintaining a School Swimming Pool

Through our partnership with a private swim school we have found an operating model that works in terms of operating costs and maximising the use of the facility. However the challenge for the Khandallah School Board of Trustees is the condition of the pool building. Significant capital work will be required for the pool to continue to operate.

The original cost of building the pool and the more recent covering of the pool were both community funded. The school only receives a funding allocation from the Ministry of Education of \$333 p.a. for pool maintenance. The Council's plan to make funding available for partnerships with schools to upgrade school pools presents an opportunity to apply for funding that will help keep our pool open. However, we are concerned that the reduction in the funding allocation from \$2.065m to \$500,000 means that not enough money will be available for this purpose.

Work is underway to provide a detailed cost estimate of the capital repairs for our pool, but earlier estimates indicate that the cost will be in excess of \$250,000.

The Role of School Swimming Lessons

It is easy in a high socio-economic community like Khandallah, to assume that schools do not need to emphasise learning to swim and water safety because children will be enrolled in swimming lessons outside of school. Many of our children do attend other swimming lessons, the majority with EasySwim in our school pool. However assessments for our school learn to swim programme indicate that there are still children who have limited swimming experience and ability. EasySwim estimated that:

- 35% of Junior pupils (Years 1 and 2) cannot float
- 54% of Middle pupils (Years 3 and 4) cannot swim more than one length of the school pool (approximately 14m)
- 65% of senior school (Year 5 and 6 children) cannot swim more than 200m

School learn-to-swim programmes still have an important place in ensuring that children do not “fall through the cracks” in terms of swimming lessons – even in high socio economic communities where it could reasonably be expected that the proportion of children participating in after school swimming lessons would be higher.

With parents focusing on academic outcomes, increasingly schools are under pressure to justify the out-of-class time required for swimming lessons (as well as other sporting activities). The revised New Zealand Curriculum is less prescriptive about aquatic education only stating “It is expected that all students will have had opportunities to learn basic aquatics skills by the end of year 6...”

An on-site school pool, or at least a pool nearby, reduces the out-of-class time. Our children have 30 minute swimming lessons with a total out of class time of less than an hour. This compares very favourably to the situation for schools which have to take children on a significant bus journey and may lose considerable out-of-class time, as well as facing the other logistics of bus travel. When trying to balance aquatic education alongside other priorities it is much easier to justify 45 minutes out-of-class time than half a day!

Conclusion

Debates over who is responsible for the costs of maintaining school pools are inevitable, but don't help schools keep pools open. The bottom line is the Khandallah School pool currently provides learn to swim opportunities for 380 Khandallah School pupils and around 200 pupils from others schools in the area, as well as private lessons for over 650 children. If Khandallah School is no longer able to maintain its pool these children will (hopefully!!) be looking for lessons at Council pools, placing further pressure on their capacity to provide learn to swim programmes.

The Khandallah School Board of Trustees asks that Councillors reinstate the originally proposed funding of \$2.065 m for development of partnerships with schools to upgrade existing school pools and to improve opportunities for access to learn to swim programmes.



Bill Courtney
Chairperson
10 May 2010



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If an organisation, which one?

Khandallah School

Type of organisation

business

community

other

Do you wish to speak to a panel of Councillors in support of your submission?

yes

no

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Your comments

(use more pages if needed)

See attached.

Sharon Bennett

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Organisation Name: 350 Aotearoa

In general, what is the highest climate change priority for you: Climate justice - 350 Aotearoa believes that human ethics are an important place from which to start considering appropriate responses to climate change. Accordingly, we believe need to make strong emission reductions here in Wellington, that are based on scientifically recommended targets, so that people elsewhere do not pay the cost of our emissions.

As part of our focus on climate justice, we believe that mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions (absolute reductions, not off-setting) should take precedence over adaptation to the effects of a changing climate. While the need for adapting to the impacts of climate change is necessary and inevitable, 350 Aotearoa believes that first and foremost, we must reduce our emissions, thereby limiting the future impacts of climate change and thus reducing the need for adaptation to these effects. It would be morally wrong to use Wellington's relative ability to financially afford to adapt to avoid many of the consequences of climate change as justification for undertaking anything less than 100% of available options for mitigation, particularly as science predicts that due to larger global climate patterns, New Zealanders are inevitably 'offshoring' a large portion of the physical impacts of our emissions to other parts of the world.

Therefore, we support the focus of this Action Plan where it seeks to mitigate emissions across sectors.

In particular, we feel areas for prioritising emissions mitigation in Wellington include:

Expansion of safe cycle ways

Collaboration with business and other councils to promote and undertake investment into Rail freight rather than heavy trucks on the roads and rail efficiency for cross-country commuting.

Research and planning for management of urban water catchment Active support for local food growth, including community gardens, based on permaculture principles.

Pro-actively supporting and advocating for stronger national level efforts to fully integrate the cost of CO2 emissions, labour and material impacts into our economic systems by regulation, thus creating a level playing field for responsible businesses by making sure it is illegal for any business to choose to externalise the cost of their CO2 emissions onto the public .

Support for development of clean energy and energy efficiency.

Helping Wellington businesses (commercial, industrial and agricultural) succeed in evolving domestic and international markets by promoting opportunities for building local capability by the integration of a Cradle to Cradle design or Life Cycle Assessment approach.

How strongly do you support or oppose the approach of the draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan:
4

Do you think the Council is focusing on the right areas and projects in its response to climate change: Yes

I you think the Council's proposed response to climate change is: Not enough

Vulnerability assessment - preparing for climate change impacts: 5

Electric vehicle pilot project: 4

Council energy-management programme: 5

Business energy-saver programme: 5

Home energy-saver programme: 5

Do you agree with the emissions reduction targets in the Action Plan: No

Why: 350 Aotearoa believes that the 30% reduction target is an admirable start, however, to limit global warming to no more than 2 degrees of warming, scientists tell us that we need to make cuts of at least 40% by 2020. Therefore we are generally supportive of this action plan, however, it needs to somehow work toward finding the extra 10% of emission reductions. We understand this to be a tremendous challenge, but not until we achieve 40% reductions will we be able to say that Wellington is taking the scientifically recommended action.

Additionally, the interim goal of 3% by 2013 is not enough - the 10/10 campaign underway in the UK is proving that considerable cuts can be made in one year. We know from the Stern Review that the longer we wait to reduce our emissions, the more expensive it becomes. If we are to meet our 2020 target, then it is best we start off quickly and make cuts as soon as possible.

Scientists have identified that we need to reduce our global emissions to 350 parts per million, now-in order to reduce the serious impacts of climate change. We propose that WCC and local businesses support a green job task-force to get to work on the effective practical action needed,

now. Support from the Media to effectively communicate the action steps being taken daily and how people can get involved would help with the transition required.

Do you disagree with any of the actions proposed in the Action Plan: 350 Aotearoa believes that all of the actions are valuable actions. However, we feel that the promotion of electric cars should be of a lesser priority than the others because it is not focused toward reducing demand for energy, but just shifting the burden to an already pressured electricity supply system. Large changes are required to city planning if there is to be a genuine focus on getting people into active modes of transport, such as cycling. This would mean the prioritisation of cycle lanes and footpaths. While Wellington is the leading NZ city at active and public transport, there are many examples around the world with far lower rates of private vehicle transport, from which we could learn.

We would also recommend a stronger focus on urban agriculture.

We would like to support WCC and the Wellington public to engage in the consultative process in increased active and creative ways.

We would like to add that in terms of forestry we should not merely see it as a source of off-setting our emissions but as a way of increasing our city's biodiversity. While 350 Aotearoa notes that on page 35 of the document it is stated that pine plantations sequester ten times as much carbon as compared with native forests, we would urge the Council to view this in the bigger picture. 350 Aotearoa is hesitant about the potential promotion of pine plantation ahead of native bush regeneration. We must consider ecological values and the complete ecosystem services provided by afforestation projects, not only the carbon sequestration potential of different types of forest. i.e. we do not want to see a sole focus on pine plantations in the city's afforestation initiatives.

We agree with supporting electric cars as part of the solution, but with the caveat that they should only be introduced if there is a joint initiative to build renewable generation to power them.

Aviation is the third largest contributor to the city's emissions profile yet the two initiatives to deal with these emissions are very passive - AV1: developing a MoU with the airport and AV2: airline advocacy. This is cause for concern especially given that the Wellington International Airport 2030 Master Plan has an aim of doubling the number of passengers by 2030. We could recommend an increased focus on land and sea-based travel for domestic tourism to Wellington in particular. 350 Aotearoa also recommends that a carbon tax is imposed on all flights out of or into Wellington - just like a departure tax, but to cover emissions.

The council should pursue options for maximising efficiency of resources and work with members of the community (perhaps by interview) to identify where there might be options for facilitating ongoing action from Home Energy participants in other areas. For example, there might be opportunity to follow-up with people who have recently undertaken retrofits to let them know about how effective their actions have been in reducing emissions and to tell them about other opportunities such as travel planning, to further reduce their emissions. In general, 350 Aotearoa supports investment in research and pilot studies to investigate the effectiveness of different approaches to facilitating voluntary behaviour change.

What information would be valuable or assist you to take action on reducing emissions and adapting to climate change: Practical resources that are clear and simple would benefit many people, such as short videos or live demonstrations such as; how to setup and maintain green roofs (mentioned on page 16).

Support- financial and material, as well as information is required for groups such as 350 to continue

to carry out work in the community including demonstrative workshops. Physical Environment/Climate Centres, Marae, or educational 'Hubs' such as Community gardens also require ongoing support. Rather than starting from scratch, we need to connect people with, profile and build on the efforts of organisations, groups and individuals who are already working on the practical steps required to tackle this challenge. Additional resources are also needed for evaluation of the work that is already being undertaken to facilitate behaviour change, so that we can learn from the success and failures of our approaches, and share this information across organisations (including the council) who are working for change in this area.

350 Suggests a voluntary carbon rationing system for the people that are already doing their bit - perhaps some sort of a marketing programme around "the greatest effort" in terms of individuals, homes, businesses, schools that have reduced their emissions by the greatest amount over a period of time.

One of the challenges for the council is to communicate this in a positive way to the community - rather than "these are all the cuts that we have to do", it should be portrayed as "it's time to get active, and here is how the council will support you". We hope that the WCC joins us in seeing the challenges as opportunities for strengthening and building community connectedness, and building the most astonishing Wellington we could dream of.

How would you like to get involved in assisting the Council to respond to climate change issues: 350 Aotearoa appreciates the past support of the Council in funding and supporting 350's International Day of Climate Action events and would be happy to partner with the WCC in engaging the community in other fun and inspiring ways in the future. We would particularly welcome the opportunity to regularly engage in person, via email, or by other means with the Council, sharing both 350 Aotearoa and the Council's concerns and expertise gained from various perspectives via community interaction.

Any other comments: 350 Aotearoa would like to congratulate the WCC for stepping up to this challenge. As a youth-led organisation focused on climate change, we don't come across a lot of things that give us cause to be optimistic about the future, but the proactive steps outlined in this action plan do give us some hope!

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2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan Submission from

Appropriate Technology for Living Association (ATLA)

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10th May 2010

We would like to make an oral submission on behalf of ATLA.

Our highest climate change priority for WCC is encouraging the use of public transport and cycling to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We support the approach of the draft 2010 climate change action plan, but think Council's response is not enough.

We do support initiatives recommended in the action plan, but would like to see stronger emission reduction targets, and regular (annual) collaborative consultation with community groups utilizing appreciative inquiry techniques.

Thank you for your acknowledgement of the seriousness of the threat facing humanity, and the urgent need to address levels of our greenhouse emissions if we are to avoid dangerous climate change.

The objectives of moving to resilient communities, renewable energy and sustainable transport are well framed, and you include the need for adaptation measures and cooperation with regional and central Government.

However, this document fails to recognise:

- 1: that we are already terribly close to being committed to crossing the 2°C dangerous threshold, and that this means if there is to be any chance of avoiding this rise there needs to be a 'crash' reduction in greenhouse gases
- 2: to draw the connection of our continued fossil fuel use and the need to increase the city's resiliency to impacts of rapidly decreasing availability of these fuels in the coming years and related economic impacts.
- 3: the benefits to the environment and the health of our communities following a reduction in fossil fuel use.

In order for this plan to have some success, it must be also accompanied by regulatory changes - for example road user charges, feed-in tariffs and more stringent restrictions on brown field subdivisions.

The following are additional changes to those already in the Action Plan that should be implemented immediately to achieve emissions reductions.

Specific measures to be included in draft Plan

Note that background references to all points are included at the end of the submission.

- 1: Hosting annual community forums for finding and prioritising creative solutions. Early involvement of communities of interest in developing options and creative solutions to climate change issues will be critical to the region's ability to successfully manage its way through the climate change transition, and new ways of harvesting innovative ideas and concepts will be found in an appreciative inquiry.
- 2: Shift to active modes and public transport:
 - Prioritise safe urban environments for mass active travel for pedestrians and cyclists with safe direct routes on arterial routes, priority at junctions, and speed reduction to 30km/h on "shared" road spaces. Include annual target for proportion of arterial routes with cycle and pedestrian lanes
 - Advocate to NZTA the urgent provision of safe and convenient cycle and pedestrian access through Mt Victoria and Mt Albert hills, and the rapid completion of Petone to Ngauranga cycle path
 - Free weekend CBD public transport. The re-introduction of parking fees during weekend business hours, would more than cover the cost.
 - Sinking lid on the number of street parking spaces within CBD and along arterial routes
 - Restriction of private vehicles through the Golden Mile
 - Upgrade of Manners Mall and bus priority lanes designed to facilitate the future installation of light rail track.
- 3: New building/housing and land use consents restricted by proximity of existing public transport and safe cycle routes.
- 4: Conservation measures such as rain water collection tanks, with targeted rating finance and grants as per Greater Wellington "Heat Smart solution".
- 5: Permaculture/farm forestry/micro-energy workshops.

Support for measures already in draft document

- 1: **Airport** - We have concerns over the carbon footprint of aircraft operations, in particular the sustainability of biofuels, and use of single occupancy taxis/private vehicles for transport to and from Airport terminal.
- 2: **Buildings – Yes** to encouragement of energy savings, increased building efficiency, home energy ratings and support for feed-in tariffs.
- 3: **Transport – Yes** to investment in safe cycle ways, travel planning within schools, regulations to limit city growth, support for pilot electric vehicle infrastructure and new legislation for road pricing, and other travel demand measures.
- 4: **Waste reduction – Yes** for energy generation, product stewardship.
- 5: **Council operations – Yes** to consideration of energy efficiency, micro turbines and reduction of leaks in the water network.
- 6: **Forestry – Yes** to investigation of new forest sinks.

References:

1: **Growth isn't Possible**

The authors assessed a combination of the leading models for climate change and energy use in the global economy. They then asked whether global economic growth could be maintained, while retaining a good likelihood of limiting global temperature rise to 2 °C, the agreed political objective of the European Union and considered the maximum rise to which humanity could adapt without serious difficulty. They found that this would require unprecedented and probably impossible reductions in the carbon intensity of a growing economy. None of the models or variations looked at could square the circle of global economic growth with climate safety.

[\[http://www.neweconomics.org/press-releases/economic-growth-no-longer-possible-for-rich-countries-says-new-research\]](http://www.neweconomics.org/press-releases/economic-growth-no-longer-possible-for-rich-countries-says-new-research)

2: **Tipping Point: Near-Term Systemic Implications of a Peak in Global Oil Production - An Outline Review**

The credit crisis exemplifies society's difficulties in the timely management of risks outside our experience or immediate concerns, even when such risks are well signposted. We have passed or are close to passing the peak of global oil production. Our civilisation is structurally unstable to an energy withdrawal. There is a high probability that our integrated and globalised civilisation is on the cusp of a fast and near-term collapse.

http://www.feasta.org/documents/risk_resilience/Tipping_Point_summary.php

3: Transition from fossil fuels – can it be made in time?

Existing sources of energy such as fossil fuels and uranium are finite and so will eventually be depleted. If we want sustainable energy, the energy MUST come from renewable sources. The paper examines if this can be done in time with existing resources.

<http://sustainablecities.org.nz/2010/04/transition-from-fossil-fuels-%e2%80%93-can-it-be-made-in-time/#more-1425>

Podcast <http://sustainablecities.org.nz/2010/04/prof-bob-lloyd-transition-to-re-can-it-be-made-in-time/>

4: Renewable Revolution: Low-Carbon Energy by 2030

Tackling climate change and a host of other global challenges will require systematic transformation of the global energy system over the next several decades, according to *Renewable Revolution: Low-Carbon Energy by 2030*
[Renewable Revolution: Low-Carbon Energy by 2030](#)

5: Urban form and health of our communities

The PHAC report, *Healthy Places, Healthy Lives: Urban environments and wellbeing*, provides detailed evidence about the strong link between poor urban design and poor health, and the large burden that puts on our communities and health services.

The report also states that increasing sustainable transport, i.e., walking, cycling and public transport, reduces road accidents, which in 2008 were estimated to cost New Zealand \$3.8 billion.

Opportunities for good health are reduced when urban areas are not conducive to physical activity for either recreation or 'active transport', and when urban areas have fewer opportunities for social interaction, more motor vehicle emissions, greater risk of road traffic injuries, and differential access to healthy food. The populations whose health is most affected by urban environments are those that are more constrained in getting around urban areas as a result of financial limitations, limited mobility or dependency on others. These populations include children, older people, people living with disabilities and people living in more socioeconomically deprived neighborhoods.

People living near a railway station are five times more likely to commute by rail, and the strongest influence on choosing to use a bus is close proximity to a bus stop. Conversely, for every 400 m increase in distance between a public transport stop and home, the odds of taking public transport decrease by 16%.

Proximity can be achieved both by increasing public transport infrastructure (including ensuring that outlying areas are accessible) and by building new development around existing public transport. The WHO recommends that all

new residential development be built within 400 m of bus services, and that all new office, retail and leisure developments be within 300 m of walking distance from public transport.

If designed appropriately, urban form and transport can increase physical activity, improve air quality, reduce road traffic injuries, increase social cohesion, and achieve maximum health benefits from services and facilities. Urban form can also help create a sense of place.

[\[www.phac.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagescm/7693/\\$File/urban-environments-apr10.pdf\]](http://www.phac.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagescm/7693/$File/urban-environments-apr10.pdf)

6: Vehicle Kilometres Travelled by Road

Road transport is the dominant mode of transportation in New Zealand. Road transport is the dominant mode of transportation in New Zealand. Though it provides some social benefits, it also has environmental and health impacts, and the latest OECD comparison (2002) shows that New Zealand had the highest vehicle kilometers travelled (VKT) per unit of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the OECD. Road transport is a primary source of harmful air pollutants in some urban areas. Each year in New Zealand, traffic-related air pollution is a contributing factor in a similar number of deaths as road accidents. Waterways can be affected by contaminated run-off from roads, and wastes such as used oil, batteries and tyres require careful disposal.

www.mfe.govt.nz/environmental-reporting/report-cards/transport/2009/

7: Smart Parking Policy Makes a Difference, Even in Livable Streets Utopias

The evidence keeps mounting that smart parking policy is an essential tool in the fight to curb traffic. A new study of two German neighbourhoods indicates that managing the supply of parking can make streets more livable, even in places that already have great infrastructure for transit, walking, and biking. Eliminating mandatory parking minimums, the data shows, plays an essential role in reducing driving.

<http://www.streetsblog.org/2010/03/23/smart-parking-policy-makes-a-difference-even-in-livable-streets-utopias/>

8: Number of CBD parking spaces in 1996 per 1000 CBD jobs (figures collated by Kerry Wood)

Wellington	1050
Christchurch	940
Auckland	650
Sourced:	
Phoenix	910
Denver	730
Detroit	710
Perth	630

Houston	610
Los Angeles	520
Portland	400
Melbourne	340
Brisbane	320
Sydney	220
Copenhagen	220
Zürich	140
London	120
New York	60

Bachels, M, Newman, P and Kenworthy, J (1999). *Indicators of urban transport efficiency in New Zealand's main cities*. Perth: Murdoch University, ISBN 0 86905 669 7

Newman, P and Kenworthy, J (1999). *Sustainability and cities — overcoming automobile dependence*. ISBN 1 55963 660 2.

9: The Benefits of Light rail

Integrated public transport will be essential if.... cities are to meet the economic, social and environmental challenges of the years to come, and light rail has an important part to play in delivering urban productivity, liveability and sustainability. <http://www.ttf.org.au/Content/lightrail.aspx>

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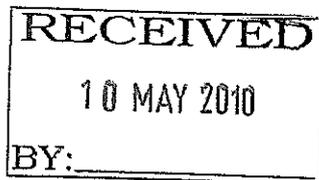
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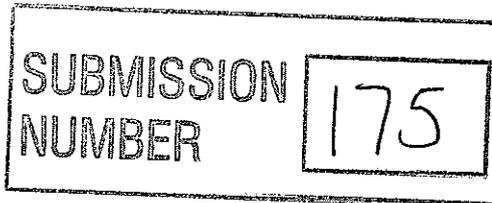
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ATLA is a voluntary, not-for profit organisation, set up in 1992 specifically to learn about technologies for sustainable living. We organise occasional workshops and hold public talks on the fourth Monday of each month on a relevant subject. Topics covered include Renewable Energy Generation, Earth and Energy Efficient House Building, Efficient Transport Systems, Organic Gardening and Permaculture, Peak Oil and climate concern, Environmental Problem Solving.



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To whom it concerns

Submission: Draft Annual Plan 2010/11

1. Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to consider Wellington City Council's **Draft Annual Plan 2010/11** (the draft annual plan).
2. Creative New Zealand wishes to be heard in support of its submission: **Yes**.
3. Key contact person for matters relating to this submission:

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Key points

4. Creative New Zealand does not have any specific comments to make on the draft annual plan.
5. Creative New Zealand wishes to alert the Wellington City Council to a review being undertaken of the organisations it funds on a recurrent basis. This includes **seventeen arts organisations** based in Wellington.¹
6. Creative New Zealand has indicated the review is likely to result in change in the composition of the portfolio (which organisations receive funding) and the level of investment in individual organisations.
7. Through the review, Creative New Zealand is also interested in achieving **greater clarity around the contribution of local authorities to arts organisations**, particularly organisations that principally deliver regional benefits.

¹ Recurrently Funded Organisations (RFOs) are the professional organisations that receive one, two or three-year funding from Creative New Zealand on an ongoing basis.

8. The review is expected to be completed in mid-2010. The outcomes of the review are expected to be implemented from 1 January 2012. Creative New Zealand expects to advise organisations whether they will continue to be funded through this programme by end 2010 and will work through transition issues during 2011.²

About Creative New Zealand and its interest in this matter

9. Creative New Zealand is the national arts development agency. Creative New Zealand is an autonomous Crown entity established under the Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 1994.
10. Creative New Zealand's *Strategic Plan Te Mahere Rautaki 2007–2010* identifies four outcomes it is seeking to achieve on behalf of all New Zealanders:
- New Zealanders are engaged in the arts
 - High-quality New Zealand art is developed
 - New Zealanders have access to high-quality arts experiences
 - New Zealand arts gain international success
11. Creative New Zealand contributes to achieving these outcomes by delivering programmes in the following areas:
- Funding for artists, practitioners and arts organisations
 - Capability-building for artists, practitioners and arts organisations
 - Advocacy for the arts
12. Creative New Zealand receives funding through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. In 2008/09 Creative New Zealand invested nearly **\$33 million** in the arts sector nationally.
13. Creative New Zealand provides recurrent funding to **seventeen arts organisations** located in Wellington. This includes **four organisations** that principally provide services to the Wellington region and a further **thirteen organisations** that have a national focus but are located in Wellington.
14. Total Creative New Zealand investment in these **seventeen organisations** is approximately **\$6.4 million** in 2010. Included in **Appendix 1** is a list of these organisations and their core operating grants for the period 2007-2010.

General comments

Review of the recurrently funded organisation portfolio

About the review

15. The review of the recurrently funded organisation (RFO) portfolio is the third of three funding programme reviews that Creative New Zealand undertook to

² Funding is provided on a calendar year basis.

complete as part of its *2007-2010 Strategic Plan*. The portfolio includes thirty-five organisations nationally.

16. The review aims to establish how well the existing RFO investment choices achieve Creative New Zealand's outcomes. The review will recommend improvements to our approach to funding arts infrastructure.

Creative New Zealand's provisional thinking on the review

17. In March 2010 Creative New Zealand published a discussion paper setting out the organisation's provisional thinking. The paper set out four approaches for how the programme might operate in future and identified a number of issues that would need to be considered in the course of the review.³

The role of local authorities in funding arts organisations

18. The paper sought to promote discussion around three key questions one of which is **what is fair funding, and who should pay?** In particular, Creative New Zealand has signalled its interest in achieving **greater clarity around the contribution of local authorities to arts organisations.**
19. Creative New Zealand is not the only public funder of the arts in New Zealand, but unlike for the museums and gallery sector, there is no agreement on the principles underpinning investment in other parts of the arts infrastructure.
20. The Local Government Act 2002 identifies the promotion of the cultural well-being of communities as one of the purposes of local government. The Act requires local authorities, when making decisions, to take account of the likely impact on aspects of the well-being of their communities, including cultural well-being.⁴
21. From Creative New Zealand's point of view, greater clarity around the contribution of local authorities to arts organisations would be useful. Even if a formal arrangement is not possible, it is important to move beyond the current situation, where many territorial authorities benefit hugely from arts organisations while only contributing modestly to their success. The development of fresh policies would be welcome, and Creative New Zealand is actively engaging with local authorities on this issue.
22. Greater clarity by Creative New Zealand and local government about their respective purposes and funding levels would also give arts organisations a better understanding of what they might reasonably expect of their public funders.
23. In general, it seems valid that regional organisations delivering regional benefits should be significantly sustained by the people and public governments of those regions. Conversely, those arts organisations that mainly

³ *Review of Recurrently Funded Organisations - Discussion Paper for Consultation* (February 2010) <http://www.creativenz.govt.nz/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ajyWNO8h7Dg%3d&tabid=4917>

⁴ The Local Government Act 2002 is currently under review.

deliver nationally or internationally might expect to be supported more on a national basis.

24. To address this issue, Creative New Zealand proposes to establish funding formulae that will specify appropriate percentages for different revenue sources for different arts activities (including public funding from central and local government, private funding, including philanthropy, and self-generated revenue, including box office, fees and sponsorship).
25. The differing components of funding formulae could be weighted according to:
 - Creative New Zealand's agreed responsibility for, or strategic interest in, specific types of arts organisation
 - the levels of support that Creative New Zealand expects third-party funders to contribute (such as local authorities, regional funding authorities and philanthropic trusts)
 - activities Creative New Zealand wishes to promote, or provide incentives for, within the arts sector.
26. The challenge for Creative New Zealand, local government and other funders is to find mutually acceptable ways to take account of:
 - the amount of funding that is reasonably required to sustain and develop specific forms of arts practice
 - the benefits to the communities that those arts practices provide
 - the extent of a given arts organisation's other revenue sources
 - the population size and density of the region or area being served.
27. Two examples of ways in which the local delivery of arts and cultural benefits is supported by local government:
 - The Canterbury Museum Levy provides funding to that museum under the Canterbury Museum Trust Board Act 1993, to enable the museum to take proper care of its heritage collection, to provide lifelong learning and research, and to welcome residents and visitors. The local community is legislatively bound to support the museum, but there are no similar arrangements for the performing arts.
 - The Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Act 2008⁵ acknowledges that a significant proportion of people who benefit from various amenities in the region come from all the territorial authority districts within it. The Act was a region-wide response, under which the regional community contributes collectively to key regional assets (including performing arts entities: Auckland Festival Trust, Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, Auckland Theatre Company, and NBR New Zealand Opera).

⁵ Amendments to this Act are proposed under the Local Government (Auckland Law Reform) Bill, currently before Select Committee. This Bill is part of legislative changes being made to bring about a regional governance model for Auckland.

Creative New Zealand's funding environment

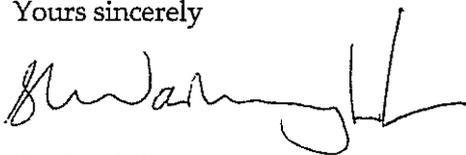
28. It is worth noting that given the Government's fiscal position, Creative New Zealand has received a clear signal not to plan for increases in Vote funding for the next three to five years.
29. Creative New Zealand receives approximately 40 percent of its funding from the Government through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage and approximately 60 percent from lottery profits through the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board.
30. It is therefore unlikely Creative New Zealand will be able to materially increase the amount it invests in the sector, including its RFOs, in the short- to medium-term.

Next steps working with Wellington City Council on the review

31. Creative New Zealand met with Wellington City Council officers in March 2010 to discuss the RFO review and the Council's interests in its arts and cultural portfolio. Creative New Zealand has also received submissions on the discussion paper from Wellington City Council officers.
32. Creative New Zealand will meet with officers again in early June 2010 to discuss the provisional findings of the review, and Creative New Zealand's views on the issues outlined above in relation to the role of local authorities in funding arts organisations.
33. Creative New Zealand is also planning to meet with territorial authorities in the main centres where RFOs are located.
34. Creative New Zealand is also keen to stay in touch with discussions among the councils in the Wellington region about regional funding.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this submission.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Wainwright
Chief Executive

Appendix 1

Funding to Wellington-based Recurrently Funded Organisations – 2008-2010

Organisation	2008	2009	2010
Wellington regionally-focused organisations			
BATS Theatre	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$275,000
Circa Theatre	\$233,000	\$233,000	\$273,000
New Zealand International Arts Festival	\$427,580	\$427,580	\$502,000
Theatre Artists Charitable Trust	\$365,000	\$365,000	\$395,000
Vector Wellington Orchestra	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$365,000
Sub-total	\$1,535,580	\$1,535,580	\$1,810,000
Nationally-focused organisations based in Wellington			
Arts Access Aotearoa	\$278,000	\$278,000	\$278,000
Booksellers New Zealand	\$139,700	\$139,700	\$139,700
Capital E: National Theatre for Children	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$358,000
Center for New Zealand Music Trust (SOUNZ)	\$172,500	\$172,500	\$172,500
Chamber Music New Zealand	\$654,000	\$654,000	\$729,000
Choirs Aotearoa New Zealand	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$290,000
Dance Aotearoa New Zealand (DANZ)	\$314,500	\$314,500	\$314,500
Footnote Dance Company	\$290,000	\$290,000	\$370,000
New Zealand Book Council	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
New Zealand String Quartet	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$225,000
Playmarket	\$299,000	\$299,000	\$299,000
Taki Rua Productions	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$435,000
Toi Māori Aotearoa	\$730,000	\$730,000	\$730,000
Sub-total	\$4,117,700	\$4,117,700	\$4,515,700
TOTAL	\$5,653,280	\$5,653,280	\$6,325,700

Notes:

1. This table excludes one-off funding provided to organisations in 2008, 2009 and 2010.
2. Circa Theatre/Theatre Artists Charitable Trust (TACT) are generally considered as a single entity.

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The following details have been submitted from the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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I would like to make an oral submission in mid May: Yes

I am making this submission: on behalf of an organisation

Organisation Name: Trans-Action

In general, what is the highest climate change priority for you: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by a focus on public transport, particularly extending the electric rail system southwards through the CBD along the Golden Mile, using proven tram-train technology.

How strongly do you support or oppose the approach of the draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan:
4

Do you think the Council is focusing on the right areas and projects in its response to climate change: Yes

I you think the Council's proposed response to climate change is: Not enough

Vulnerability assessment - preparing for climate change impacts: 3

Electric vehicle pilot project: 4

Council energy-management programme: 3

Business energy-saver programme: 3

Home energy-saver programme: 3

Do you agree with the emissions reduction targets in the Action Plan: No

Why: No - they are not demanding enough.

Do you disagree with any of the actions proposed in the Action Plan: No.

How would you like to get involved in assisting the Council to respond to climate change issues: We would like to be involved in any consultation or discussions about transport-related climate change issues.

Any other comments: Trans-Action is a charitable trust advocating for the completion of the region's railway system by extending it southwards through the CBD, using proven and affordable electric tram-train technology.

We submit that greenhouse gas emissions would be reduced significantly if Wellington city had a public transport system that worked better.

We see two main issues:

1. Commuters from north of the CBD using electric trains have to change modes at the northern fringe of the CBD, encouraging them to use modes that have a greater propensity for causing climate change; 2. The bus route along the CBD is operating at capacity, with consequent unreliability, congestion, inefficiency and increased emissions, and a higher-capacity mode is needed to resolve this.

A proven, affordable technology that addresses both of these issues is the tram-train, where light rail vehicles use existing railway lines (eg to Johnsonville, Porirua and Lower Hutt), and also run into and through the CBD on the streets (eg along the Golden Mile). Adopting tram-trains would unplug the Railway Station blockage and unblock the Golden Mile bottleneck, reducing emissions and increasing public transport reliability and efficiency significantly.

As a first stage, the Council should ensure that all bus priority improvements along the Golden Mile and the Growth Spine be compatible with future light rail construction (particularly in the reconstruction of Manners Mall.) Extended to the airport, tram-trains would address the surface transport emissions consequences that would arise from the increase in traffic envisaged in airport expansion plans.

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Sharon Bennett

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Subject: Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan

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I would like to make an oral submission in mid May: Yes

I am making this submission: on behalf of an organisation

Organisation Name: Transend Limited

In general, what is the highest climate change priority for you: To reduce the impact we are having on the environment, through energy efficiency, sustainable technologies and solutions and reducing waste.

How strongly do you support or oppose the approach of the draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan:
4

Do you think the Council is focusing on the right areas and projects in its response to climate change: Yes

I you think the Council's proposed response to climate change is: About right

Vulnerability assessment - preparing for climate change impacts: 4

Electric vehicle pilot project: 5

Council energy-management programme: 5

Business energy-saver programme: 5

Home energy-saver programme: 5

Do you agree with the emissions reduction targets in the Action Plan: Yes

Why: It's best to follow the IPCC recommendations which it looks like the council has done with those targets

Do you disagree with any of the actions proposed in the Action Plan: No

What information would be valuable or assist you to take action on reducing emissions and adapting to climate change: Specific Solutions to help reduce impact

How would you like to get involved in assisting the Council to respond to climate change issues: By helping the council measure, through the use of software we have, the energy footprint of your 120 desktop PC's. Without visibility on the energy state of these devices the council would have no visibility on whether they are on at night and in weekends needlessly. We will offer a free pilot of 1E NightWatchman solution which is a centralised PC Power Management solution. We estimate we will save the council the following per year

- \$39,198 in Electricity
- 51 tonnes of CO2 emissions

Fiona Johnson

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Subject: Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan

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I am making this submission: as an individual

Age: 18 - 30

How often do you use our swimming pools: More than once a week

Tell us what you think about the overall approach we are planning to take in the draft Community Facilities Policy: I am somewhat concerned that the community focus does not seem to rate competitive sport and fitness at all, despite these being important considerations.

What do you think about the areas of focus in our strategic priorities? Are these the right ones: As above, the lack of focus on competitive sport and fitness means that these important functions of the community facilities seem to be getting left by the wayside.

Do you agree with the investment proposals we have identified in our plan? Are there any others you think we should consider: No. The Wellington region desperately needs at least one more major pool, preferably an international level 50m with a dive well to take pressure off the overloaded WRAC. It is almost impossible to book any activity in that pool now, as the only other 50m

pool or dive well is in Naenae and that is a very substandard pool and a long way away for most Wellingtonians.

The location of a new pool does not particularly matter to most athletes, provided it gets built and is done properly.

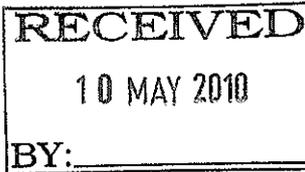
Tell us what you think about limiting public access to some parts of our pools at peak times so we can provide more learn-to-swim classes until the new learners pools are built: I believe that this will have a significant negative impact on the usage of the pools for casual users and those training for competitive sport. Single lanes in pools are a token offering at best, as sharing a lane between users with widely varying swimming skills & speeds is difficult to the point of impossibility. This will put significant pressure on the only remaining pool where adults will still be permitted in these hours, making swimming a less attractive option for those wanting to swim for fitness during the day and causing serious problems for athletes intending to train multiple times a day or for long periods.

If the learn to swim program is to be expanded, then additional funding MUST be made available to free up sufficient pool space for it to do so, in the form of infrastructure investment rather than kicking all other users out of the area.

Any other comments: My first concern is the lack of publication of these changes. Despite using the council pools on nearly a daily basis, the first I heard of this was the evening Friday 7 May, where I picked up the proposal at reception. Had more time been allowed, submissions on behalf of several underwater sports clubs that I belong to would most likely have been made, but a club consensus could not be had in a weekend.

The council has underinvested for a long period in the area of public swimming pools. The major contribution in recent times has been WCC allowing the TSW swim school to be demolished to be replaced with a supermarket; one that still has not even begun construction. To remove the number of swimming lanes available to the public and to non-LTS clubs on top of this with no suggestion of additional pools in the ten year timeline of the proposals tells me that the council either is unaware that this is a problem or has decided that these concerns are not important to them.

Wellington has a severe shortage of poolspace, both public and private. With the population growing in the region and aquatic sports becoming more popular, where does the council believe the extra pool space should be found? I sincerely hope that a plan to deal with this will be forthcoming, though the paltry \$11 million on infrastructure over ten years suggests this is not the case. I wonder how much money the pools earn for the council with their \$5.30 entry fees and 1.4 million visitors a year, with Learn to Swim, spa/sauna entry, lane bookings and memberships on top of that? Surely some of this could go back into the very places earning the money?



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I am making this submission: organisation

Organisation Name: Aro Valley Community Council

Type of organisation: Community

Social & Recreation: The following is a submission on behalf of the Aro Valley Community Council (AVCC).

The AVCC:

- supports proposed funding of \$100,000 set aside in the draft annual plan to repile Aro Valley Community Centre [5.3 Recreation Services], and requests that the work includes insulating the underfloor of the hall.
- supports of proposed increase in funding for community centres [5.6 Community Participation and Support], specifically the increase proposed for Aro Valley.

The reasons for this submission are set out below.

Repiling Aro Valley Community Centre:

Aro Valley Community Centre is hired out to community groups for programmes ranging from language lessons to dance and fitness classes.

The present floor, made of chip board, is uneven and badly in need of replacement. As the hall is often used for dance and fitness classes, as well as school holiday programmes, the floor gets a lot of use, and needs to be able to withstand substantial wear and tear. The present flooring can cause splinters and is really not hardy enough for the kinds of activities that it is used for.

The proposed \$100,000 repiling fund is heartily supported by the AVCC as a means of improving the usability and appearance of the hall.

We would like to see the chip board replaced with a sturdier floor covering, ideally wooden boards, and while we have the opportunity, we would like to have the underfloor insulated. This would provide added warmth and comfort in winter, help keep heating bills low, and as an energy saving measure fits in with the WCC's aim to be more sustainable.

Community facilities funding:

The proposed increase in community centre funding is supported, specifically the proposed increase in AVCC funding to around \$40,000 per annum.

An increase in funding will better enable the AVCC to work in partnership with the WCC's to provide better access to social and recreational services.

The centre provides an affordable venue for a range of programmes run by community groups, from dance and fitness classes, to language lessons. This includes classes run by the AVCC, such as Sit and Be Fit (accessible fitness for older people) and English as a Second Language classes.

The AVCC supports the WCC's aims for Wellington in the following ways:

- More liveable: providing an affordable rehearsal space and venue for Wellington's creative Aro Valley population
- More inclusive: providing empowering education for minority and marginalized groups in our neighborhood, including the elderly, immigrants, and those on low incomes, including council tenants.
- More actively engaged: the AVCC supports, encourages and leads community involvement in the Aro Valley community, and acts as a touchstone for feedback to the WCC on policies and initiatives
- Healthier: the Aro Valley Community centre runs affordable fitness classes for the less mobile, such as Sit and Be Fit, as well as providing a venue for a host of dance and activity classes
- Safer: a busy programme of activities in the hall means the popular thoroughfare through from Aro St to Palmer St is not deserted
- Stronger sense of place: the Aro Valley has a distinct identity thanks to its architecture, interesting past, student community, and history of activism. This identity is preserved and defended by the volunteers that make up the AVCC. One of our on-going projects, for example, is to bring together historic documents in the hope of one

day displaying them in a suitable community centre facility.

To properly achieve these goals however, the community centre needs to be better funded. It presently squeaks by on the smell of an oily rag, but tight finances are having an impact on the condition of the hall premises, the AVCC's ability to operate effectively, the morale of our staff, the attractiveness of the venue to potential users, and subsequently our ability to fundraise.

For example, staff are hampered by having only one old computer, which is slow and lacks up-to-date software. Furniture is not of a standard to meet suitable office requirements, and staff hours and wages are insufficient to meet the workload demanded. Together these factors limit the centre's ability to improve and expand its services.

For this reason we believe that a funding increase is well overdue and wholeheartedly recommend councilors go ahead with the proposed funding increase.

Fiona Johnson

From: jane.oloughlin@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 3:05 p.m.
To: BUS: Community Facilities
Subject: Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan

The following details have been submitted from the Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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City: Wellington
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I would like to make an oral submission in mid May: Yes

I am making this submission: on behalf of an organisation

Organisation name: Aro Valley Community Council

Your role in that organisation: co-chair

Number of people you are representing: There are 8 members of the AVCC

Age: 31 - 50

Tell us what you think about the overall approach we are planning to take in the draft Community Facilities Policy: The AVCC supports the overall approach.

What do you think about the areas of focus in our strategic priorities? Are these the right ones: The Aro Valley Community Council (AVCC) supports the strategic priorities put forward in the Community Facilities Policy regarding community spaces, ie:

- Working with other organisations to meet demand for extra community space
- Making sure existing buildings meet Council regulations, including those about accessibility

The AVCC supports the proposed partnership approach as it allows community-elected bodies such as the AVCC to work with the WCC to provide the best mix of programmes and services to meet the needs of the local community while also fulfilling the wider aims of the WCC.

The AVCC support the principle that existing buildings should meet council regulations, including those to do with accessibility. We would also encourage the council to work to see that council facilities fulfill sustainability requirements, and are retrofitted with insulation, clean efficient heating and efficient lighting where possible.

Do you agree with the investment proposals we have identified in our plan? Are there any others you think we should consider: The AVCC supports the proposal to upgrade community facilities as outlined in the Plan.

Specifically, the AVCC supports the plan to set aside \$976,000 to upgrade the Aro Valley community hall, including (part A, 25.1) for the council to work with the community to develop a proposal to meet the needs of the community.

As noted in the Plan, the Aro Valley ranks highly as a priority for investment, due to its good fit with WCC strategic priorities, but the fact its facilities urgently required investment to bring them up to standard.

The community centre presently has only one space that can be hired out and other facilities such as the toilets and kitchen are poorly located and shabby. The harsh lighting and shabby appearance of the hall means it is difficult for it to be hired out for social events. The hall is hard to heat and would benefit from insulation and other measures to make it more energy efficient. Steps at the front entrance mean that those in wheelchairs have to use an alternative entrance way at the back.

The community centre should be considered a priority for investment for a number of reasons:

The Aro Valley community centre is well located in the central part of the Aro Valley, on the same site as the Aro Valley pre-school and Citizens Advice Bureau. The site is a popular thoroughfare, near a bus stop and the shopping centre, and has a popular green space next to it. It is also easily accessible to nearby residents of council housing, allowing for good community integration.

The centre is backed by the enthusiastic Aro Valley Community Council, which provides vital links into the community, (through, for example, the monthly Valley Voice newsletter) and oversees the provision of services to the Valley.

The fact the centre is overseen by the community-elected AVCC ensures the hall remains an affordable venue for a range of programmes run by community groups, from dance and fitness classes, to language lessons. This includes classes run by the AVCC, such as Sit and Be Fit (accessible fitness for older

people) and English as a Second Language classes.

The AVCC also puts on annual community events such as a fair and market days which provide a focus for community involvement.

The AVCC supports the WCC's aims for Wellington in the following ways:

- More liveable: providing an affordable rehearsal space and venue for Wellington's creative Aro Valley population
- More inclusive: providing empowering education for minority and marginalized groups in our neighborhood, including the elderly, immigrants, and those on low incomes, including council tenants.
- More actively engaged: the AVCC supports, encourages and leads community involvement in the Aro Valley community, and acts as a touchstone for feedback to the WCC on policies and initiatives
- Healthier: the Aro Valley Community centre runs affordable fitness classes for the less mobile, such as Sit and Be Fit, as well as providing a venue for a host of dance and activity classes
- Safer: a busy programme of activities in the hall means the thoroughfare through from Aro St to Palmer St is well frequented
- Stronger sense of place: the Aro Valley has a distinct identity thanks to its architecture, interesting past, student community, and history of activism. This identity is preserved and defended by the volunteers that make up the AVCC. One of our on-going projects, for example, is to bring together historic documents in the hope of one day displaying them in a suitable community centre facility.

What do you think of the timing of these investment proposals: While strongly supporting the proposal to put aside \$976,000 for this project in the 10 year investment plan (part A, 26), the AVCC notes the WCC comment that the upgrade of the centre has been raised by the community for a number of years. Despite this, the proposed upgrade is unfortunately not due to start until 2013/14. An upgrade is sorely needed and long overdue, and we request that council consider bringing the timing of this upgrade by at least a year if not two.

**SUBMISSION
NUMBER** 48

Sharon Bennett

From: davemcarthur@clear.net.nz
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 12:58 p.m.
To: BUS: Climate Plan
Subject: Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan

The following details have been submitted from the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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I would like to make an oral submission in mid May: Yes

I am making this submission: as an individual

In general, what is the highest climate change priority for you: Establishing science in the communication of climate issues

How strongly do you support or oppose the approach of the draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan: 2

I you think the Council's proposed response to climate change is: Not enough

Vulnerability assessment - preparing for climate change impacts: 4

Electric vehicle pilot project: 1

Council energy-management programme: 3

Business energy-saver programme: 4

Home energy-saver programme: 5

Do you agree with the emissions reduction targets in the Action Plan: No

Why: Far too small

Do you disagree with any of the actions proposed in the Action Plan: Yes. Electric cars are unsustainable.

The notion of "carbon neutrality" is non-science.

What information would be valuable or assist you to take action on reducing emissions and adapting to climate change: The information supplied by the city's ownership of the intelligence of our local electrical potential The information supplied by an annual audit of our urban solar potential The information supplied by science based communication of climate processes.

How would you like to get involved in assisting the Council to respond to climate change issues: In every way possible

Any other comments: I look forward to meeting you at my personal submission. Please confirm receipt of this as twice now such online submissions have been mislaid

Many thanks

Dave

Sharon Bennett

**SUBMISSION
NUMBER**

47

From: Chris Cameron
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 12:51 p.m.
To: BUS: Climate Plan
Subject: FW: Submission on the Draft2010 Climate Change Action Plan

From: CockburnArchitects [mailto:architects@cockburn.co.nz]
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 11:20 a.m.
To: Chris Cameron
Cc: 'Alastair Smith'; 'William Toomath'; 'John Gray'; chris@postoccupancyevaluation.com; 'Celia Wade-Brown'
Subject: Submission on the Draft2010 Climate Change Action Plan

Thanks Chris

I had trouble down-loading the link below, but please accept this as a submission;

Council's parking rules promote car ownership and use, and transport plans & budgets give predominance to the car, acting against the DCCAP

The rules should be removed, and the plans made to give the lowest priority on the passive mode (cars), and the budgets devoted entirely to the active modes

I would like to be heard

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Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 10:09 a.m.
To: 'architects@cockburn.co.nz'
Subject: Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan

Good Morning Daryl,

As discussed this morning, the details for making a submission on the draft plan are located here:

<http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/publicinput/climatechange.html>

Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Regards,
 Chris

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Submission to the Draft Climate Change Action Plan

My name is Daryl David Cockburn. I own Cockburn Architects Ltd, architects, planners & urban designers. I graduated;
Dip.Arch, University of Auckland 1963
M.Sc (Urban Planning) University of Edinburgh 1972
And joined these institutes;
NZ Institute of Architects 1964
Royal Institute of British Architects 1964
NZ Planning Institute 1974

I was 'apprenticed' into Gray Young's office January 1957, was an architect in Gray Young & Michael Fowler's practice from end-1963, and in Sir Robert Matthew's Edinburgh office in 1967. I was made a Forward Planner in Livingston New Town 1968, in charge of the review of Glasgow's City Centre Plan 1971, became an associate (& later) partner of Michael Fowler 1973, and established Cockburn Millage 1979, renamed Cockburn Architects & Planners 1987 which in 1988 had 20 personnel

PARKING RULES PROMOTE CAR USE

Prior to 1960 business complained about traffic & parking but did not invest in either. The 6 CBD buildings built 1951-1960 had no on-site parking, but the City Engineer felt he had to enforce it. That policy was recognised as promoting traffic and were revoked 1990. The same should happen in the residential areas

We tested the theory that people do not put a high priority on on-site parking by making public preference surveys

Visual Preference Survey

Visual Preference Surveys are acknowledged as the best way to gather information on public preferences for various house types because respondents can make choices quickly & without confusion. The choice of photos is always a matter of debate, but the pilot surveys I supervised confirm the hypothesis that on-site parking is not as important as other factors. More surveys can be made using other photos, but I doubt they're necessary, this one makes the point.

Saoirse Chapman 0272906186, and Dearbhaile Culhane 0226383231 asked 83 respondents to the pilot, and main, surveys, in several suburbs and the city centre, to choose which photo showed the dwelling they would prefer to occupy

46 chose 'M' or 'T', & 33 chose 'L', showing most chose a house without visible sign of a garage or car park. This survey suggests that most people put a much lower emphasis on on-site parking than hitherto thought, and more weight on density, streetscape or urban design, and other factors. A badly designed question would have been 'would you like a garage' to which most people might say 'yes' because it offers something for

nothing, but it wouldn't have tested the relative importance of parking which was what was being sought

Stated Preference Surveys

At the same time Saoirse & Dearbhaile made Stated Preference Surveys by asking the 83 respondents two questions designed to tease out their real feelings toward parking. The second question was designed to test the integrity of the answers to the first

Q2; Some households choose to have no cars but nobody is permitted to make a new house or flat in any residential area without a car park or garage. Do you think all new dwellings must have a car park or garage?

44 Yes; 36 No

Q3; Do you think residents should be permitted to compete for parking space on their roads instead of having to provide space on their own land?

49 Yes; 26 No

This shows public support for Council's on-site parking policy is weaker than may be assumed, 70 for, 85 against. Policies which have adverse effects, and are not supported by the public, should be set aside

14 of the 16 Councilors were called to participate in the survey as citizens not councilors. Only two participated, 12 either declined citing their position or didn't call back. This could suggest they were concerned they might be found to have serious doubts about parts of the District Plan, which was indeed one hypothesis of the survey

In 2008 I examined a whole street, albeit a small street, in considerable detail. I supervised Jason Salisbury, tel. 021 139 22 33, in the making of a Stated Preference Survey of Millward St in Newtown within which I was making a resource application. Jason visited 24 of the 25 households fronting onto the street and asked a representative of each to answer four questions. Three of the questions have relevance to this evidence;

Qb) Do you agree proposed (*consented SR159925*) single dwellings down on the bottom land of #15 and #17 having pedestrian access off Riddford Street, be required to provide private parking on Millward Street?

21 of the 24 believed the new houses should not be required to have private parking on Millward St

Qc) Do you agree that mandatory private parking should be enforced on Millward Street considering the access through to Riddford available and the abundance of public service surrounding Rintoul Street and both Millward and Riddford Streets?

19 of the 24 believed that no on-site parking should be required

Qd) Do you agree compulsory parking should be enforced and public transport not promoted considering the global factor?

19 of the 24 believed on-site parking should not be enforced

Council should commission market research to elicit resident and business attitudes to parking & transport of a nature similar to that presented in this evidence. The aim of the research should be to obtain public preferences to parking, and bike & bus lanes

This survey showed support for Council's on-site parking rule was only about 20%

17 respondents were asked four questions last Sunday;

Q2. The education trip is a significant cause of traffic. Do you support the idea bike lanes should be provided, or traffic calmed, to encourage the young & others walking & biking as much as possible?

Answer, yes 16; no 1

Q4. Which do you prefer the most?

a) promotion of car traffic; *yes 3*

b) promotion of passenger transport & cycling; *yes 13*

Q5. *If (b)*; Where bus lanes are required but streets too narrow for them, do you believe parking should be restricted?

Answer; yes 13; no 2

The trend is clearly in favour of cycling & passenger transport, and Council policies to accommodate, and thereby promote, the car, are misplaced

Census data shows 30% of Inner Residential households don't have a car.

The embedded CO2 production of car decks & excavated car pads, with trips to land-fills etc, is high

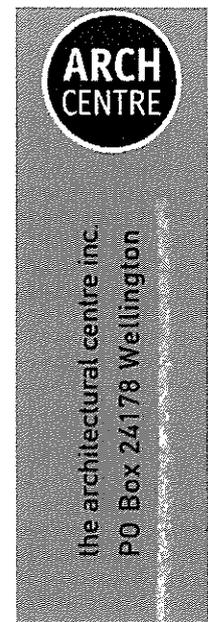
Electric cars require an impossible increase in electricity production

Council has made parking & traffic a priority for 50 years unintentionally promoting the passive mode, the car. Now it's time to reverse this policy and only promote the active modes, and to remove on-site parking rules

The aerial photo shows Wellington's geography makes it one of the easiest cities in the world to promote the active modes

13 May 2010

Wellington City Council
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington



Architectural Centre submission on the WCC Draft Climate Change Action Plan

The Architectural Centre supports moves to reduce Wellington's reliance on cars. We support Daryl Cockburn's submission for the council to remove the requirement for on-site parking to be provided when building in residential areas.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail.

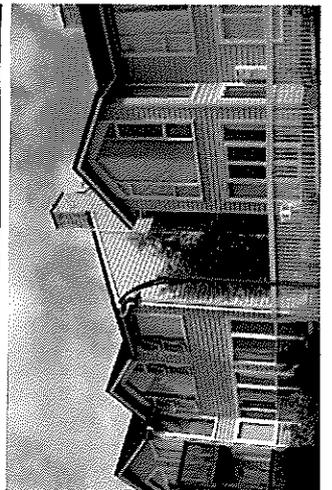
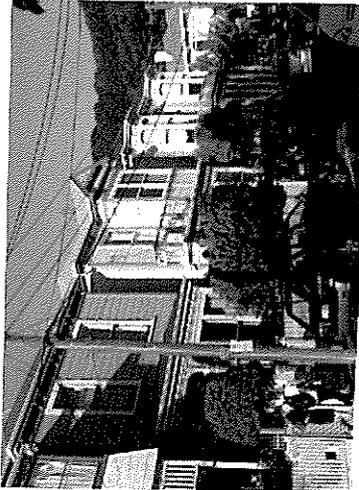
Christine McCarthy
Immediate Past President
The Architectural Centre, Inc.



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Medium-Rise Houses



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Residential Survey

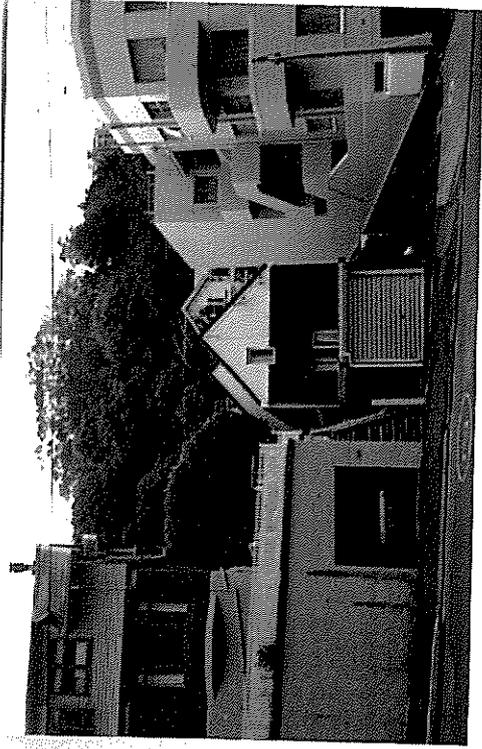
Hello, my name is I'm undertaking a survey to assess Wellington's town planning rules – Would you be willing to answer 4 questions on car parking and house design?

Do you live in Wellington? If 'no' end interview.

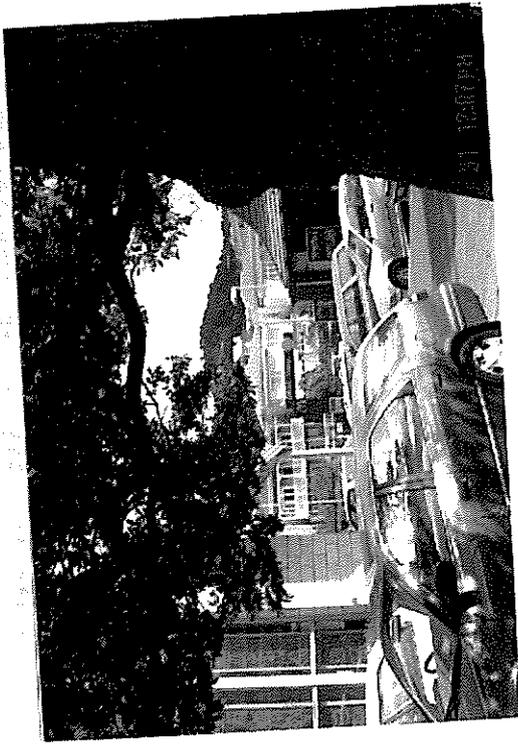
- **Q1** Are you under 30 (or 55)? 1, 18-31; 2, 31-55; 3, 56+. (Keep or reject respondent)
- **Q2** Some households choose to have no cars but nobody is permitted to make a new house or flat in any residential area without a car park or garage. Do you think all new dwellings must have a car park or garage?
1 Yes; 2 No; 3 Don't know/Not sure/No opinion
- **Q3** Do you think residents should be permitted to compete for parking space on their roads instead of having to provide space on their own land? 1 Yes; 2 No; 3 Don't know
- **Q4** If you owned a house that had no garage & needed repairs, and you had \$50k in savings how much would you spend in the following four categories?; building a garage holidays stopping your neighbours increasing their houses to 2-storeys improving your house
- **Q5** Please look at these 3 sheets of photos of 3 different types of neighbourhood. 'L', low houses; 'M', 2-storey houses; & 'T', 3-storey houses. If you had to live in one of these 3 types of neighbourhood which house would you choose to live in assuming it was in the suburb of your choice & you could afford it? L; 2 M; 3 T
- **Q9** Could you give me your first name & telephone number so that my supervisor can check that I did this interview? Thank you.

- **Q10** Note sex; code F for female; and M for male

02.04.2010



Permitted Houses



Millward Lane



BIG PICTURE – Councils working together will help build an internationally competitive region. Picture – images.gps.cri.nz

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Fiona Johnson

From: barry.blackett@se1.bp.com
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 4:48 p.m.
To: BUS: Community Facilities
Subject: Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan

The following details have been submitted from the Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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Last Name: Blackett
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Suburb: Glenside
City: Wellington
Phone: 495 5680 WK
Email: barry.blackett@se1.bp.com

I would like to make an oral submission in mid May: Yes

I am making this submission: on behalf of an organisation

Organisation name: Glenside Progressive Association Inc

Your role in that organisation: Committee member

Number of people you are representing: Residents of Glenside

Tell us what you think about the overall approach we are planning to take in the draft Community Facilities Policy: Our submission just focuses on the Churton Park community consultation which has included our suburb.

What do you think about the areas of focus in our strategic priorities? Are these the right ones: Our understanding is that \$845,000 will be available for Churton Park facilities and a further \$812,500 for community and or recreational facilities.

Firstly, we wish to thank the Council for the opportunity to comment on these grants. It is gratifying to see a significant sum being made available to Churton Park and neighbouring suburbs who have lacked adequate community facilities until now.

Do you agree with the investment proposals we have identified in our plan? Are there any others you think we should consider: Yes. it is appropriate for Churton Park to have this level of investment (\$845,000) on built facilities bearing in mind its size and relative lack of such facilities until now.

In our view, it is best left to Churton Park residents to decide how this money should be spent for the betterment of their suburb.

Glenside is a separate suburb, and we look forward to developing community facilities around the Glenside Village including upgrading of the Halfway House and development of the Glenside Reserve.

Because the \$812,500 is being made available for community/recreational facilities which could be of benefit to Churton Park residents and those in neighbouring suburbs we would like to have a say on how this funding might be spent. We propose that a large part of this funding be put towards the development of reserves and walking tracks particularly in the Stebbings Valley area.

A delightful opportunity common to both our suburbs would be a walking track along Marshall Ridgeline. This would provide a daily fitness opportunity to residents looking for recreation and exercise but who don't have the time to traverse the longer more challenging ridgeline tracks available in our general area such as the Northern Walkway. Of course we would also like to see walking tracks within Stebbings Valley, eg along the streamside, giving access to Upper Stebbings Valley.

Glenside Reserve is also overdue for development suitable to making it more accessible to the public as a protected open space reserve, so the expenditure of part of the available funds on Glenside Reserve would be most welcome but we are not clear whether this would be out of scope. if so, we will be making separate submissions on its future and look forward to working with Council to achieve a beneficial outcome.

What do you think of the timing of these investment proposals: Major decisions should not be made hastily. We welcome the degree of community consultation to date and trust the views of the community will be given priority when coming to implementation decisions.

We also believe that a number of projects of recreational benefit to the Northern Suburbs, especially, Churton Park and Glenside have tended to end up on the 'back burner' when not pursued vigorously throughout. One of these was the Track Implementation Plan first proposed in February 2004 with further consultation in May 2006 but with no further action taken to date. We ask Council to keep up the momentum on these two projects but continue to consult with Churton Park residents on both projects and Glenside residents on the community/recreational facilities project throughout.

Fiona Johnson

From: newtown.community.centre@paradise.net.nz
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 2:04 p.m.
To: BUS: Community Facilities
Subject: Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan

The following details have been submitted from the Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Anna

Last Name: Porter

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Suburb: Newtown

City: Wellington

Phone: 389 4786

Email: newtown.community.centre@paradise.net.nz

I would like to make an oral submission in mid May: Yes

I am making this submission: on behalf of an organisation

Organisation name: Newtown Community & Cultural Centre

Your role in that organisation: Coordinator

Number of people you are representing: Our Board of Trustees comprises of 6 people representing various community groups. Our centre is used on a weekly basis by up to 200 community members from Newtown as well as the wider Wellington Regi

Age: 31 - 50

How often do you use a community centre or hall: More than once a week

Any other comments: On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the community members of Newtown and the wider Wellington region that use our centre, we would like to acknowledge the \$2.7m tagged to revamp our main centre on the corner of Colombo and Rintoul St over the next 12 years.

We would also like to make note that no provision has been made for the two

other WCC premises managed by NCCC on their behalf; Network Newtown on Constable St and Newtown Hall on Daniell St. Though these buildings are newer than NCCC on Colombo/Rintoul, it is likely that they will also need some form of upgrading and significant maintenance carried out within the next 12 years. We suggest that these buildings be considered and included in the WCC 10 Year Investment Plan.

Fiona Johnson

From: lawt@clear.net.nz
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 3:28 p.m.
To: BUS: Community Facilities
Subject: Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan

The following details have been submitted from the Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Tom
Last Name: Law
Street Address: 134 Hanson St
Suburb: Newtown
City: Wellington
Phone: 38798202
Email: lawt@clear.net.nz

I would like to make an oral submission in mid May: Yes

I am making this submission: as an individual

How often do you use our libraries: Weekly

Other - details: Often more often

Other - details: once in a blue moon - swim in sea

How often do you use a community centre or hall: More than once a week

Tell us what you think about the overall approach we are planning to take in the draft Community Facilities Policy: The Community facilities focused on are those facilities owned by Council. There are many other facilities in the communities of Wellington that are owned and operated by many other groups, organisations or businesses. the future of Council facilities and their development needs to take into account these other resources that are available.

What do you think about the areas of focus in our strategic priorities? Are these the right ones: It is unfortunate that this "review" of the policy and implementation plan appears to have been "hijacked" by the swimming facilities

and the lack of them in some areas. While the ability to swim has been correctly identified as a decreasing skill (particularly in children) there are other facilities that could be included in this issue as community facilities (sports fields, recreation facilities (strategy). A document that pulls all these together would be useful

Do you agree with the investment proposals we have identified in our plan? Are there any others you think we should consider: Being a resident of Newtown and through Newtown Community and Cultural Centre 2009 Trust being involved in the governance of the facilities at Consable, Daniell and Colombo Sts, and as specified in the Summary document and in the report to SPC of 10 December 2009, I agree with the expenditure in 2016 to 2019 of the \$2,745,000 to refurbish and upgrade the Newtown Community and Cultural Centre at the corner of Constable and Colombo Streets.

As President of the Trust that oversees on behalf of Council the facilities at Colombo, Daniell and Constable Streets, I note that the plan does not make any provision for any upgrading of the other two Council premises at Network Newtown (next to the Newtown Library) and Newtown hall in Daniell St.

In respect of expenditure on other Community Centre facilities, I have no view. Communities served by those facilities should guide council's expenditure both in priority and what needs to be provided.

What do you think of the timing of these investment proposals: I note the proposed expenditure on Newtown CCC is for 2016 to 2019 and agree that as appropriate.

Tell us what you think about limiting public access to some parts of our pools at peak times so we can provide more learn-to-swim classes until the new learners pools are built: No opinion - that is a management issue, not one of governance.

Any other comments: In this submission, I have referred to other Community Facilities, facilities not provided by Council. These include rooms and halls provided (often at a cost) by sports clubs, churches, social clubs, health providers, schools and many others.

In recent years, I have on a number of occasions been asked by Council staff to provide a list such premises in Newtown. It is unfortunate that this has never been brought to a conclusion. It may well be that there are facilities available for community use (particularly where there are no Council Community Centres) that could be used. Instead of Council building new premises, perhaps the policy might be that council subsidises community groups to hire these other premises.

I have no idea where this collection of data has gone, what has been done with it, whether it is still available, but the wider view of premises available for public use might be beneficial to all Wellington community groups, organisations and

ratepayers alike.

Sharon Bennett

From: seth@moxham.net.nz
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 5:00 p.m.
To: BUS: Climate Plan
Subject: Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan

The following details have been submitted from the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Seth
Last Name: Hickling
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Suburb: Hataitai
City: Wellington
Phone: 0272976555
Email: seth@moxham.net.nz

I would like to make an oral submission in mid May: Yes

I am making this submission: as an individual

In general, what is the highest climate change priority for you: **SLOWING DOWN!** Stopping all work that works against our natural instincts of what is healthy for us and our earth. 'Economic growth' must be replaced by 'Health and Well being' as the focus for people at all levels: individual, household, community, local government, central government, international relations. ALSO, equalization and decentralization of wealth and power, empowering individuals, households and communities with the freedom, the basic resources and support that is necessary for us to have confidence taking the lead in securing resiliency for ourselves

How strongly do you support or oppose the approach of the draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan:
4

Do you think the Council is focusing on the right areas and projects in its response to climate change: No

I you think the Council's proposed response to climate change is: Not enough

Vulnerability assessment - preparing for climate change impacts: 4

Electric vehicle pilot project: 2

Council energy-management programme: 5

Business energy-saver programme: 5

Home energy-saver programme: 5

Do you agree with the emissions reduction targets in the Action Plan: No

Why: Because we need to make more realistic targets in terms of what level of change is necessary to make a difference.

We need to make or at least support/advocate (from local and regional government level) societal changes in how we live and how view our relationship with ourselves, our family, our community, our society, our world.

The council should be supporting/advocating deeper levels of engagement and openness to discovery and change from its citizens

Do you disagree with any of the actions proposed in the Action Plan: The emphasis on electric cars - improving and incentivising the use of bus and train services and cycleways should be a higher priority headlining transport initiatives

What information would be valuable or assist you to take action on reducing emissions and adapting to climate change: What funds do you have/are you allocating to support programs/conversations/collaborations the like of which I describe briefly below?

How would you like to get involved in assisting the Council to respond to climate change issues: I would like to work together with community leaders, experts and other inspired citizens to pioneer collaborative engagements and ongoing partnerships where we talk together, dream, play and work together, as individual people and as groups of people to place ourselves and move ourselves on pathways towards personal independence, freedom, health and well-being while also recognising and supporting our ecological and social interdependence, health and well-being.

We need to take ownership of our own lives and our own futures. We need to be able to (and we need to) look after ourselves and each other, recognising that we can do this together but only if we believe in ourselves and each other and we do do this together.

Any other comments: If we each had free access to fertile uncontaminated land and other basic natural resources that we might well assume we should have access to by natural right - water, clean air, bees, native flora and fauna... heritage seeds, traditional good practices treasured, improved and passed on through generations of family - our culture and heritage, our whakapapa... etc. what would the role of the city and regional council be?

I suggest it would be the same as it currently is - to support us in making the best of what we've got - sharing our resources and knowledge together....

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Sharon Bennett

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Subject: Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan

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I am making this submission: as an individual

In general, what is the highest climate change priority for you: The highest climate change priority for me is sharply reducing greenhouse gas emissions from all sectors of the economy. This is also a high priority for Wellington; however, I believe that an equally high priority for Wellington is recognising and preparing for the likely (and already occurring) impacts of climate change, such as sea level rise.

How strongly do you support or oppose the approach of the draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan: 4

Do you think the Council is focusing on the right areas and projects in its response to climate change: Yes

I you think the Council's proposed response to climate change is: Not enough

Vulnerability assessment - preparing for climate change impacts: 5

Electric vehicle pilot project: 3

Council energy-management programme: 5

Business energy-saver programme: 5

Home energy-saver programme: 5

Do you agree with the emissions reduction targets in the Action Plan: No

Why: They are nowhere near strong enough to make the necessary contribution to the steep and urgent emissions reductions which are required to lower the risk of runaway climate change - a threshold which is already close to being reached.

The lack of attention planned to aviation emissions is also disturbing. Wellington Airport, in which the Council is a shareholder, should be planning to hold or reduce the level of air traffic through the airport, not double it.

Do you disagree with any of the actions proposed in the Action Plan: My main disagreement is with the scope and extent of actions - i.e. not enough, and not fast enough. I am concerned that the Electric Vehicles Pilot Project focuses too much of electric cars, and not enough on other forms of electric transport - further electrification of public transport on the one hand, and sub-car options (e.g. electric bicycles) on the other.

How would you like to get involved in assisting the Council to respond to climate change issues: My background is in transport (I am a former member of the Government's Vehicle Energy and Renewables Group), so this is the area in which I can offer most knowledge. I am also interested in planning to increase the city's resilience to oil depletion, climate change, and rising sea levels.

Any other comments: The statements made about promoting sustainable transport are good, but when it comes to the crunch, the Council keeps opting to build roads rather than other transport alternatives. I want to see the Council's stated, and praiseworthy, desire to act on climate change reflected in actual Council decisions, not just in policy statements.

Fiona Johnson

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To: BUS: Community Facilities
Subject: Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan

The following details have been submitted from the Draft Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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I am making this submission: on behalf of an organisation

Organisation name: Mt Cook Mobilised

Your role in that organisation: Coordinator

Number of people you are representing: Our mailing list exceeds 120 Mt Cook residents, many of whom express support for our goals, but do not necessarily attend our regular meetings or other activities.

Tell us what you think about the overall approach we are planning to take in the draft Community Facilities Policy: Mt Cook Mobilised agrees that it is appropriate for Mt Cook to be included in the Facilities Review as a Neighbourhood Centre. This will become even more relevant as we experience increased residential growth in the Adelaide Road area. As at today, Mt Cook does not have a community centre to fulfil the wider social and networking benefits that a community centre provides. The first step towards developing community programmes will be to identify funding for a part-time Community Development Coordinator for Mt Cook. Community programmes can be developed using a variety of spaces located throughout Mt Cook. We recognise that Council is very unlikely to build a purpose-built community centre in Mt

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Cook, but that Council is committed to assisting communities like Mt Cook, particularly where this can be done in partnership with local businesses, schools or churches.

To date Mt Cook Mobilised has begun to build a sense of community through our community newsletter, email-newsletter, community events and web page. These activities provide a kick-start, but essentially strong ties and resilience within the community are only created when people from across the community get to know each other better when they meet regularly at community-based activities. There are many community groups in Mt Cook who are not well served locally – the elderly, migrants, younger people, special interest groups. We look forward to discussing with Council options for partnering to create a Mt Cook Neighbourhood Centre, a network of community activities based in various facilities. In the future, one possible community centre venue may be Mother Aubert's original Infant School building in Buckle Street, which was identified as a possible community hub on the first set of Memorial Park drawings. Mt Cook Mobilised believes it is appropriate for Council to fund a part-time Community Development Coordinator for Mt Cook in addition to providing assistance with lease costs for rooms located in existing facilities. This assistance will be particularly important in the early years of establishing a community development programme.

What do you think about the areas of focus in our strategic priorities? Are these the right ones: Yes, these are reasonable targets. Libraries and swimming pools are must-haves for the city.

Do you agree with the investment proposals we have identified in our plan? Are there any others you think we should consider: As above, some allowance should be made for a Community Development Coordinator for Mt Cook.

Tell us what you think about limiting public access to some parts of our pools at peak times so we can provide more learn-to-swim classes until the new learners pools are built: This seems unfair on adult swimmers who swim for fitness.

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Sharon Bennett

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I am making this submission: as an individual

In general, what is the highest climate change priority for you: I think that the highest priority is to create the changes required to bring about the transformation of our transport system from oil-based to electric and safe active modes (cycling; walking).

I would like to record here my support for the submission of Regional Councillor Paul Bruce, which I have had the opportunity to read in draft, especially with respect to transport. I have some additional points to make, but the day has not turned out as expected, and I apologise that I cannot foreshadow details of these for my oral submission before 5 pm today. I will address them this evening and send the form again with these comments and with answers to your specific questions also completed.

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Sharon Bennett

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Subject: Submission on Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan

Attachments: Submission on WCC Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan.pdf



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Kia ora,

Please find attached a submission on the WCC Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan, submitted on behalf of the Wellington Branch of Forest & Bird.

Ken New
Forest & Bird, Wellington Branch Committee

SUBMISSION ON WELLINGTON CITY'S DRAFT 2010 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

I am making a submission

- As an individual On behalf of an organisation: *Forest & Bird, Wellington Branch*
- I would like to make an oral submission

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Introduction

This submission is made on behalf of the Wellington Branch of Forest & Bird.

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest independent conservation organisation, with over 30,000 members. The Wellington Branch currently has over 1,250 members.

Two groups within the Wellington Branch have collated their responses to Wellington City Council's Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan. *Greening Wellington* has looked at the effects of climate change on our land-based ecology, while *Blue Wellington's* objective is to protect the marine environment — noting that increased carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere will be absorbed by the oceans making them more acidic. Increased acidity will dissolve the shells of shellfish and therefore devastate the food chain of marine life in Cook Strait and throughout the oceans.

Summary

Overall, our response to the council's draft Action Plan could be summarised as "far too little, far too late". The draft plan highlights Wellington's current advantages, some of which result from its environment and some from its history, but does not start to make the step-change in approach which is demanded by the crisis facing us.

The suggestions made in the draft plan will help reduce emissions slightly — but few come close to achieving the sort of reductions that scientists are now telling us we will need to make if we are to avoid disaster on land and in the marine environment.

The draft plan sets a target of reducing emissions by 30%, relative to 2001 levels, by 2020. The most recent research shows that this will not be enough. *We call upon the council to set a much more demanding goal: to become "climate neutral" by 2020.* ("Climate neutral" is considered by some a more appropriate term than "carbon neutral", since CO₂ is not the only greenhouse gas driving climate change. Other greenhouse gases regulated by the Kyoto Protocol are methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆), hydrofluorocarbons, and perfluorocarbons.)

We do not accept the statement made by the Mayor that “Wellington is well-placed compared to cities internationally.” In fact, the city is in a very vulnerable situation compared to other cities. With the advent of rapid climate change, we now have a triple threat — earthquakes, tsunamis and rising sea levels.

Our entire business district would disappear with only a moderate rise in sea levels, since it is built on land reclaimed after previous earthquakes. Complete melting of the polar ice-caps would result in a sea level rise of about 10m. If we cannot contain CO₂ in the atmosphere below the tipping-point threshold this will be the reality. So we have an urgent need to dramatically change our behaviour to reduce CO₂ emissions.

In summary, our recommendations are:

- Replace the inadequate target of reducing emissions by 30% by 2020 — instead, set a target of achieving climate neutrality by 2020; aim to reduce city-wide emissions by 1% per *month*.
- Put in place measures to safeguard our marine environment, by such actions as establishing marine reserves, prohibiting the outflow of sewage into our seas and minimising pollution from stormwater drains and litter.
- Extend the Green Star concept to residential buildings, both new and existing.
- Promote the efficient use of energy by more rigorous measures than those proposed in the current draft plan.
- Encourage the building of public buildings on transport hubs and the development of other buildings on public transport routes.
- Dramatically upgrade all initiatives to reduce emissions from existing and new buildings and provide an appropriately larger budget to support such new building initiatives.
- Change the District Plan to facilitate wind farming and the installation of the land-based infrastructure for tidal and wave power generation in Cook Strait.
- Considerably upgrade public transport and strongly discourage the use of private vehicles.
- Encourage cycling and walking by giving cyclists and pedestrians much greater priority on roads.
- Increase the rate of carbon sequestration by local forests by allocating more money to pest and weed control and by planting trees on marginal agricultural land.

These recommendations are expanded in the remainder of this submission.

The Science of Climate Change

“The Last Trillion Tonnes”

In March, Wellington's Embassy Theatre screened *The Last Trillion Tonnes*. Presented by the British High Commission, this film was a collaboration between Victoria University of Wellington (VUW) and Oxford University. It concluded that rather than focusing on annual emissions, a simpler approach to reining in human-induced climate change would be to consider what the maximum amount of CO₂ is that the atmosphere can support before irreversible and catastrophic climate change occurs.

The film's title highlights the scientists' calculation that this limit is about a trillion tonnes (1,000 gigatonnes, or 1 teratonne).

This is also the conclusion of two recent scientific papers¹, which show that the timings of carbon emissions are not relevant to the debate — it is the total amount of CO₂ emitted over hundreds of years that is the key issue.

Referring to these papers, the Science and Development Network² (SciDev.Net) states:

“Rather than basing negotiations on short-term goals such as emission rates by a given year, the researchers say the atmosphere can be regarded as a tank of finite size which we must not overfill if we want to avoid a dangerous temperature rise.

“Climate policy has traditionally concentrated on cutting emission rates by a given year, such as 2020 or 2050, without placing these goals within the overall context of needing to limit cumulative emissions.”

Both papers analyse how the world can keep the rise in average surface temperatures down to no more than 2 degrees Celsius (2°C) above pre-industrial levels — a rise of 2°C being widely regarded as the threshold beyond which the risk of dangerous climate change rapidly increases.

The first study, led by Myles Allen of Oxford University, found that releasing a total of one trillion tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere between 1750 and 2500 would cause a “most likely” peak warming of 2°C. Emissions to 2008 have already released half of this. Allen said in a press briefing:

“It took 250 years to burn the first half trillion tonnes and, on current predictions, we’ll burn the next half trillion in less than 40 years.”

The second study was led by Malte Meinshausen at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impacts Research, Germany. Using computer modelling, this concluded that to avoid a larger rise than 2°C by 2100, cumulative carbon emissions must not exceed 0.9 trillion tonnes. Meinshausen noted that:

“We have already emitted a third of a trillion tonnes in the past 9 years.”

David Frame, a co-author of the Allen paper, said:

“[The findings] treat these emissions ... as an exhaustible resource. For economists, this way of looking at the problem will be a huge simplification.”

“Basically, if you burn a tonne of carbon today, then you can’t burn it tomorrow ... you’ve got a finite stock. It’s like a tank that’s emptying far too fast for comfort. If country A burns it, country B can’t. It forces everyone to consider the problem as a whole.”

The *New Scientist*³ summarised:

“Both papers show that, because CO₂ takes so long to disappear from the atmosphere, governments need to aim for a global zero-carbon economy in the long run. This confirms results from earlier studies.

“Regarding shorter-term goals, Meinshausen says that to have a good chance of staying below 2°C, global emissions must start falling after 2015. Achieving this will be no small feat: at present we emit between 1% and 3% more each year than we did the year before. That trend must be reversed within 6 years.

¹ Reported in *Nature*, 29 April 2010

² SciDev.Net describes itself as “a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing reliable and authoritative information about science and technology ...”

³ A widely-respected UK science magazine, established in 1956.

“The researchers say that even the most ambitious climate plans tabled so far must be pushed further. The G8's aim is that by 2050 we will have cut emissions to half their levels in 1990, but even that may not be enough. Depending on the timing, the cutbacks would have to be closer to 70% below 1990 levels, studies suggest.”

Why Wellington must join the “green team” in the war on climate change

These analyses all show that greenhouse gas levels can be stabilised only when net emissions are zero. To achieve this will take a change of attitude by our whole society and strong leadership by national and local governments, especially as at present per capita CO₂ emissions for New Zealand continue to increase every year⁴.

However, New Zealand as a country is one of the best placed to lead the way, since it has access to more renewable energy sources than most other countries (including wind, solar, geothermal and marine).

Furthermore, Wellington as a city will be able to achieve climate neutrality because of its extreme wind, abundant tides, temperate climate, small population, concentrated development, high level of education and ample land.

Wellington should cease carbon emissions because as well as contributing to New Zealand's climate neutrality, and ultimately that of the world, it would also offer many other benefits: improving the quality of life, the health of its population and its environment. Adopting climate neutrality will be possible by:

- reducing traffic

for example, Wellington could have more promenades like the waterfront and Cuba Mall and far fewer hostile environments such as Aotea Quay and the bypass. This would significantly improve the quality of our urban environment.

- realising economic advantages
- developing green industries, technologies and culture
- switching to high value productivity rather than high vehicle kilometres.

OECD research⁶ shows that New Zealand drives the most for each dollar of productivity of all OECD countries. We believe that there is considerable potential for economic development if Wellington moves towards a local economy.

⁴ *Wikipedia*

⁵ *Stern Review: The Economics of Climate Change*, HM Treasury, UK government, October 2006

⁶ *Environment at a Glance: OECD Environmental Indicators*, OECD (ISBN 92-64-01218-4)

Actions Needed to Bring About Climate Neutrality

A Vision of the future

Forest & Bird Wellington Branch's 10-year strategy, *Greening Wellington*, published in July 2009, contained a vision of how Wellington could be by 2020. Some elements of the vision, which we see as relevant to this submission, were:

- in 2020, the city uses public transport extensively
- the city has reduced carbon emissions from the energy sector, for transport and electricity, by 5% per year since 2010
- dwellings are fully insulated, fitted with water catchment and equipped with solar-powered water heating
- 80% of the city waste is either recycled or re-used and there is no toxic chemical discharge either into the atmosphere or the waterways
- the people of the city and region understand fully the implications of the global situation
- moves to sustainability are based on well-researched and up-to-date data
- the city has freshwater eels and other indigenous fish living in all the streams in the Greater Wellington region, and short-finned eels in the recreated Waitangi Stream wetlands
- 15% of the city's area is covered with indigenous vegetative cover appropriate for the region and 80% of this land has some form of long-term protection
- a 5,000-strong colony of little blue penguins is distributed along the coast and on off-shore islands.

What's being done elsewhere

Around the world, cities are achieving far better results than Wellington under much tougher conditions. For example:

- Abu Dhabi is developing Masdar City, the world's first climate neutral, zero-waste city in a desert with water issues and extreme temperatures.
- Hanover has reduced city-wide emissions 20% below 1990 levels in spite of increased economic development, and in the newly-developed Kronsberg district it has achieved emission levels 40% lower than typical new towns.

What Wellington needs to do

We urge the council to adopt a much more responsible approach in protecting the environment from climate change by aiming to reduce city-wide emissions by 1% per *month* and to become climate neutral before 2020.

We see this as being entirely possible by applying engineering efficiencies, culture change, social co-operation and internet solutions.

Wellington's abundant wind and marine energy and compact development make it ideally placed to achieve a healthier and safer city without importing fossil fuels to burn.

The Draft Action Plan

We now discuss the draft Action Plan under the various headings used within it.

Adaptation and mitigation

We do not believe marine life could adapt sufficiently quickly to significant and rapid ocean acidification caused by climate change. Thus to preserve marine life, the climate must be stabilised. If the marine environment were better protected, its ability to cope with the stresses of climate change could be enhanced.

We recommend that the Action Plan address measures to safeguard our marine environment, such as working to:

- establish a network of marine reserves throughout the region, in conjunction with neighbouring district councils
- halt and prohibit the outflow of sewage into our seas
- minimise pollution entering our seas from stormwater drains and littering
- encourage the restoration of dunes and protect them
- invest more in coastal and stream regeneration programmes.

Buildings

Green Star certification

The Action Plan lists several achievements to date and various initiatives that the Council wishes to undertake. For example:

“Buildings on the Waterfront ... have achieved 5 Green Star certification.”

We agree with the concept of Green Star certification, as set up and administered by the New Zealand Green Building Council, and suggest it be extended to residential buildings, both new and existing. The Council could encourage home owners to seek a Green Star rating through a register and a rate benefit.

Encouraging the efficient use of energy

The draft Action Plan notes that:

“We also provide a \$300 grant to cover the building consent costs for households that install sustainable energy features such as solar hot water heaters.”

This is commendable but not significant in terms of the overall cost of purchase and installation. Again, we suggest the council consider a rates discount for householders who install energy-saving devices like solar water heating.

The plan also mentions the Home Energy Saver Programme (initiative BE1) — the listed initiatives are a start but need to be extended to include double-glazing, water storage and grey water recycling.

The plan proposes higher energy efficiency standards in the Building Code (BE6) to help ensure that all new buildings are highly energy efficient but also “cost effective” — we are unsure what is meant by this caveat, since energy efficiency is something that has to be achieved in future, whatever the cost.

The plan mentions a government initiative:

“The government has boosted funding in the next 4 years for the scheme to fit around 180,000 houses across the country with modern insulation and heating. This equates to about 2,000 housing refits a year for Wellington City.”

These figures indicate that neither the government nor the City Council have grasped the gravity of the situation and the need for urgency. These refits need to happen at a much faster rate for them to have any significant impact. The faster we reduce our energy waste, the greater the impact of the savings and the greater the compounding effect.

Subdivision design guidance

The plan states that:

“We’ve provided design guidance for new subdivisions to encourage more use of energy-efficient building designs.”

Subdivisions in recent years have been built on the assumption that residents have private vehicles. There is little, if any, provision for open space, shopping and local industry, thereby forcing residents to use powered transport for their daily needs. Subdivisions of the future need to be more self-sufficient and include space for the production of fresh food and recreation. They need to return to the designs of the past when transport was a luxury not a necessity.

Furthermore, if the Council were serious about the effect of sea rise on its citizens it would be implementing significant improvements to the building code. It would:

- require all new homes to be equipped with double glazing
- subsidise the retrofitting of solar water heating
- retrofit water storage and recycling systems to our housing stock
- use permeable surfaces on our roads and pathways
- require commercial buildings to be substantially energy self-sufficient, using solar panels, photovoltaic cells, heat recovery systems and grey water recycling
- eliminate energy-consuming air-conditioning in favour of natural ventilation
- use the flat areas of roofs on commercial buildings for plant propagation and energy generation
- actively preserve gullies, waterways and green space and be active in the planting of indigenous species in these locations (for increased absorption of CO₂ and an improved lifestyle)

We further recommend that the Council:

- build public buildings on transport hubs
- develop other buildings on public transport routes
- dramatically upgrade all its initiatives to reduce emissions from existing and new buildings. (This might be achieved by, for example, budgeting millions — rather than thousands — of dollars for building initiatives.)

Energy

Alternative energy sources

We commend the Council for its initiative in partnering with the European Marine Energy Centre and its plan to extract energy from waste.

We note that Wellington's first marine energy project is under development in Cook Strait (we assume the draft plan is referring to the Neptune Power Limited trial off Sinclair Head) and we commend the Council's support of renewable energy and its desire to capitalise on our geographic location by utilising wind and tidal energy.

Since Wellington stands to gain from a successful trial it warrants the Council's financial support. If successful, the project will not only supply the city with renewable energy but also create jobs and a piece of the renewable industry pie.

As mentioned earlier there is also huge potential for solar energy initiatives.

We recommend that the Council change the District Plan to:

- allow large-scale commercial wind farming in rural areas (subject to visual and noise constraints)
- facilitate the installation of micro-turbines in the city (subject to bylaws)
- facilitate the installation of the land-based infrastructure that would be necessary for tidal and wave power generation in Cook Strait.

Early adopter of electric vehicles

There is no technical consensus that electric vehicles are in fact the most energy-efficient and have the smallest CO₂ footprint. The electricity needs to come from somewhere and electric vehicles have short range. This topic is one that needs to be addressed at national level and with the motor vehicle industry since the country is too small to adopt multiple forms of vehicle power.

Land transport

Public transport

The draft Action Plan states:

"Wellington has the highest rate of public transport use in New Zealand. The central location of our railway and bus stations helps to create an integrated and convenient public transport network. Our compact city also results in the highest proportion nationally of commuters choosing to walk, run or cycle to work."

This ignores the fact that the roads in and out of Wellington are near to capacity every morning and evening as people commute daily to work. The Council needs to take advantage of advances in information and communications technology and encourage companies to adopt remote working practices.

The city could accelerate the process by providing remote working centres in the suburbs and install truly high-speed optical links (speeds greater than 50MB/s). This would greatly reduce travel, reduce CO₂ emissions and improve productivity — as well as enhancing local business and encouraging more walking and cycling.

We recommend:

- upgrading public transport services to a standard comparable with the best European cities of a similar population
- providing free weekend buses and charging for parking
- creating remote working centres with high-speed optical fibre links installed

The draft plan notes that 35% of the city's emissions come from land transport. It is imperative that, as a society, we switch from fossil-fuelled car and truck domination to public transport, cycling, electric, pedestrian transport.

We offer the following recommendations:

- Traffic
 - do not straighten or widen roads
 - cease all road construction that might encourage additional traffic
 - encourage the regional council to increase the regional fuel tax
 - introduce congestion charges for inefficient cars and trucks (similar to London)
 - install traffic calming devices to reduce the speed of vehicles in built-up areas
 - use the District Plan to restrict car park and garage construction
 - provide a ride-share infrastructure
 - reduce the number and size of parking spaces by 3% per year (as in Copenhagen)
- Other road users
 - provide European standard purpose-built cycle tracks along arterial routes between suburban centres
Ensure that cycle tracks are safe enough for 5-year-old children to use to ride to school; take advice from Cycle Aware Wellington and engage European cycle track designers.
 - establish a principle of pedestrian priority in roadway design.
Take advice from local and international experts, such as Living Streets Aotearoa and Jan Gehl — the Danish architect and urban design consultant.

Waste

We recommend that the Council make it a priority to:

- consult world leaders in the field to make substantial progress on material consumption
- reuse more materials and recycle more.

Council Operations

We recommend that the Council establish much more aggressive targets to reduce council emissions.

Forestry

The draft Action Plan notes that:

“Around 10% of the city (2,500 hectares) is currently being managed as (or is reverting back to) native forest. Council staff — assisted by about 60 volunteer groups — plant up to 100,000 trees and shrubs annually ...”

At the moment this is a cash-starved operation relying heavily on the voluntary sector and lacking the financial commitment to be able to get on top of both our pest and weed problems. The city needs to cease eating into green space through District Plan change approvals and to focus on restoring our green infrastructure.

The draft plan also states:

“We will identify whether carbon sequestration would be increased if efforts were bolstered to control introduced pests such as goats.”

Studies overseas have shown that significantly improved flora growth does occur when pests are reduced, with a consequential significant increase in sequestration. The Department of Conservation is already working on the assumption that similar effects will be observed in New Zealand.

We recommend:

- giving a higher priority to funding for pest and weed reduction
- developing forests on marginal agricultural land in the city.

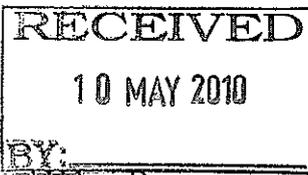
Aviation

Given that aircraft engineering efficiency improvements have been very low⁷, carbon emission reductions depend on reducing passenger kilometres by social and management means. We urge the Council to:

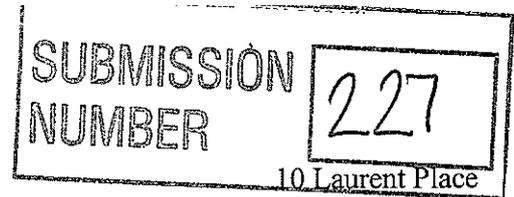
- adjust landing fees to encourage airlines fly fewer, fuller aircraft (rather than partially full⁸)
- increase the passenger departure tax
- severely restrict council staff from flying
- install video conferencing facilities in libraries
- encourage companies that install fibre optic broadband services.

⁷ “Passenger airplanes averaged 4.8 L/100 km per passenger .. in 1998. ... Compared to the most advanced turboprop aircraft of the 1950s, the modern aircraft is only marginally more efficient ... Between 1971 and 1998 the fleet-average annual improvement per available seat-kilometre was estimated at 2.4%.” [Wikipedia]

⁸ “... on average 20% of seats are left unoccupied.” [ibid]



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Submission on WCC Draft Annual Plan 2010-2011

Dear Councillors,

I have been a ratepayer and resident of Wellington since 1980. My interests include outdoor recreation, conservation and the environment. My comments and requests are presented more or less in the order of first appearance in the Plan. However, given the size of the Plan, it is inevitable items and issues appear in more than one place in it and have related effects elsewhere in it. As I may have overlooked some of these I ask that you take my comments and requests to apply to all occurrences of the issues addressed and to request all consequent amendments.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission so I may give additional material, further explanations, detail or answer any questions. I ask that you contact me (tel 389-8071) to arrange that.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Taylor

Main points

(a) New Proposal – Rugby World Cup Sculpture (page 15 & page 61)

I oppose this. I agree with the concept of a (temporary) World Cup Village. That should be a sufficient attraction without such a “centrepiece”. A “centrepiece”, which then becomes a permanent memorial, costing well over twice as much is out of all proportion. If the All Blacks do not win, most New Zealanders will not want to be reminded of another failure. In the event that we do win then a permanent memorial might be reasonable but should cost no more than \$20,000 and indeed a simple plaque would be much cheaper.

(b) New Proposal – Climate Change (page 17)

I support the development of a Climate Change Action Plan and most of the listed items. As it stands the bullet point “providing a planning environment that supports sustainable energy generation” could be taken to override consideration of protecting the values of our “stunning natural environment”. I ask this bullet be qualified with “without detracting from the natural environment” or words to that effect. I also ask that “limiting growth” be added as a bullet point. Growth is inconsistent with sustainability and is a major contributing factor to forecast climate change. Please also note my (l).

(c) New Proposal – Climate Change, Council Energy Initiatives (page 18)

If the new initiatives give rise to cost savings then those savings should, at least until after their first full year, be fed back into funding further actions under the climate change policy.

(d) New Proposal – Parking Advisory Signs (page 16)

While I support providing such signs, the funding should come from the motorists. That could come from a component of “congestion charging” or by a levy on car parking.

(e) New Proposal – Lyall Bay Surf Club (page 20 and 83)

I support the provision of public toilets and that these should be funded by WCC. I oppose payment by WCC to the (or any) surf club for “provision of a surf life saving service”. There are many community groups which provide services to Wellington. The idea to be considered would inappropriately establish a commercial relationship with that one group.

(f) New Proposal – Enviroschools (page 21 and 54)

I strongly support this expenditure and indeed would support greater expenditure if that would improve coverage or effectiveness. I note the payment is recorded as only a “one-off”. I ask that in working “with Enviroschools on funding options for the next three years” WCC fund the programme from the rates if that is necessary to ensure there is no reduction in the programme.

(g) Rates (page 28), also in Key Proposals (page 6)

I oppose the rating mechanisms of the Plan and most significantly shifting of the differential to reduce the commercial:residential rate ratio. If the proposed change to the differential goes ahead page 29 makes clear the reality for (the average) residential rate payer is an increase some thirty times as large as for commercial properties (before growth figures 5.9% and “around 0.2%”). No further change in favour of commercial ratepayers is justified and at this time it is totally unreasonable. Use of the ratio to justify changes is invalid because the value of the commercial property sector and that of residential properties do not correspond to the abilities of those sectors to pay, nor is the membership of the two groups comparable.

There is a clear and fundamental difference between people (residential ratepayers) and commercial entities (commercial ratepayers). The former are people and the latter artificial, legal entities such as companies. There are not equal “rights” nor a case for “fairness” between these two groups, only within them. The real people are entitled to determine how the second group should

be treated. This is a political decision for the people to take. If the real people want the commercial sector to bear a higher (or lower) proportion of the rates that is for us to decide, not for some false argument of "inequality" from the commercial interest itself to influence. Even within the residential group, the equitable distribution of rate payments remains an issue. The proxy of rateable value for the ability to pay is very inaccurate and the imposition of fixed charges simply accentuates that error. I believe this cannot be resolved fairly until income (residential) and turnover (commercial) rather than rateable values are used as the proxy for ability to pay.

(h) Water Rate (page 29)

The existing annual "administrative" charge of \$107 for residential properties with water meters is unjustifiable – it should be decreased not increased. That charge is a disincentive to those wishing to change to use water metering to help conserve water. If it really reflects the cost of reading one meter five times a year, then I ask residents be allowed to report their own readings with WCC readings taken say twice a year (and so reducing the \$107 to less than \$50)

(i) Environment (page 43 onwards)

I strongly support WCC's work on "Gardens and Beaches" and "Green Open Space". I trust that in deferring the creation of any new tracks Council has not overlooked its commitment to completing the top ten initiatives of the Open Space Access Plan no later than 2014.

(j) Environment, residential water consumption (page 50)

I ask that a better (i.e. lower) target be set and suggest 320 litres/person/day for 2010/2011 with further reductions thereafter. That WRC plan a campaign to reduce water wastage to coincide with having one of the Te Marua storage "lakes" out of commission next summer, should make such a reduction easier. WCC should be promoting rainwater "harvesting" to existing properties and requiring it for new ones.

(k) Waste reduction and energy conservation (page 53)

Consultation is required on any proposed changes to kerbside recycling – simply "informing" in the final annual plan is not good enough. As last year's fiasco showed Wellingtonian's regard their role in this as a critically important.

(l) Environment measuring our performance – greenhouse gas emissions (page 55)

It is good that the actual targets in tonnes have been given. At least that is unambiguous. Quite reasonably and necessarily a relative figure is also given. However, that specification should be given relative to 1990 levels. That is only common, international standard and the one which is well known to the public (e.g. as in 40% by 2020). By referencing two different and much later years (2001 & 2003) WCC is probably misleading the public. It also raises a suspicion that it has "cherry picked" years which make its future targets and performance look good. If WCC does not know its 1990 level then it should qualify any figure given with the increase/decrease from an estimate of its 1990 level. As it seems likely that the targets are actually less than 40% by 2020 I oppose these targets and ask they be improved to that.

(m) "measuring our performance" throughout

I accept that it is harder to measure such performance than to measure dollar amounts, but there is a severe imbalance between the provision of measurements for performance forecasts and financial forecasts. Yet the two are equally important – whether an amount of expenditure is reasonable and the public's decision to support or oppose it, depends almost entirely on the performance of the service to the public it achieves. Financial figures are mainly given not only with remarkably high precision (e.g 1 in 6,000,000 page 129) but also with comparisons (without fail in pages 108-133 & 162-165). In comparison in most cases the 2010/2011 target value for performance is specified without any comparative value, such as the previous year's target, the year to date achievement (or

if that is not known the achievement the year before that). It is good to see that is not always the case (e.g. “19.5% (0.5% decrease since 2009/10”) page 50, 2008 baseline given page 84) and that some relative targets (e.g. “Increase *whatever* by *x%* over 2009/2010”) are specified (e.g. page 153). To make it easier to judge targets I ask that comparative figures be provided in this and future Plans, or at least more use be made of relative targets.

Additional points

(n) Urban Development (page 12)

WCC is too accepting of growth. Growth is essentially unsustainable and it must not be treated as inevitable. I agree that if there is nevertheless growth it provision for should be focused along the growth spine.

(o) New Proposal - Maori Heritage Trail (page 15)

While I support this I note that progress on the Harbour Trail is numbingly slow and would prefer that be progressed.

(p) New Proposal - CBD Street Cleaning (page 15)

I ask that extra provision be made for enforcement to reduce street litter. The resultant income from fines should help fund this partially or completely.

(q) New Proposal - Waterloo Quay Roading Improvements (Page 16)

I support improvements ship passenger pedestrian access between the city and the inter-island ferry and cruise ship berths. These pedestrians certainly deserve improvements for their safety. It is particularly important that pedestrian access along the harbour side of the road extend completely from opposite the railway station to the ferry terminal. At the moment the “footpath” is poor, unformed, apparently open for motor vehicle use or non existent in various places along the way. In particular on the ferry terminal side of the stadium pedestrian access to the terminal is cut off. To continue to the terminal one must continue along the road edge or make two, also dangerous, crossings of the road. I understand it may require pressure on NZTA to sort out the Aotea Quay off ramp earlier in order to complete this work in time.

(r) New Proposal – new signage for dog areas (page 22 and page 83)

This should be funded from dog licence fees and penalties for related offences, increasing them if necessary.

(s) New Proposal Pool upgrades (pages 25 & 79 earlier page 6)

I was pleased to see no suggestion that ratepayers should be funding school pools on page 6. That is the responsibility of Central Government. WCC should be pressuring Central Government to fund retention and reopening of school pools, particularly given its inclusion of swimming in the curriculum. However, the detail here suggest \$500,000 will be provided as grants to two schools to upgrade their pools. I oppose that.

(t) New Proposal Community facilities (page 26)

Supporting local communities is an important role of the Council. To follow its withdrawal of funding from Wellington Community Network by increasing funding for other communities suggests WCC fails to appreciate the relevance of the hosted sites to our communities and indeed of the virtual community supporting them. After an alternative was found the assistance of some councillors did provide some well appreciated mitigation.

(u) Rates – GST component (page 31)

If GST is to be increased during the year, then WCC should make it easy for those who wish to bring forward the time of supply by paying some later instalment(s) in advance of such a change to do so.

(v) Building control and facilitation (Page 32)

There seem to be inconsistencies in the Plan regarding increasing user fees to cover anticipated increased costs for this. The principle is correctly stated on page 92 (*“The building control work that we do benefits private individuals – the people and companies that build or redevelop homes, offices and other buildings. Those individuals pay user charges such as building consent fees to cover the costs of this work. To ensure that ratepayers are not subsidising building control work that benefits private individuals, we propose to increase some of our user charges and fees.”*) and the intent clear on page 170 (*“We are proposing to increase our fees for Building Control and Facilitation services”*). So if the Building Act changes are expected to reduce income levels, the fees should be adjusted upwards to counter that (as well as any other cost increase). I oppose any additional cost/lost income being made up by ratepayers and ask it be born by the users.

(w) Governance (Page 40)

I strongly support WCC taking steps to stop central government interfering with our local (and regional) government in the way they have with Auckland's (and indeed with regional in Canterbury). However, in taking all steps to resist that, WCC authorities must avoid itself causing any of the negative effects – reducing direct accountability for services, loss of local/regional granularity, ignoring community views, vulnerability to privatisation, decreased democracy etc.

(x) “measuring our performance” Environment (page 48)

Looking back at the most recently available annual report (2008/2009) I see for the environment (page 38) there was a measurement “Users (%) who rate the maintenance and quality of open space walkways as good or very good”. I note that no target has been set for that in this Plan.

(y) Environment flooding performance (page 52)

The target “No properties (buildings) are flooded as a result of a **one-in-50-year rain event.**” is incorrectly expressed as that target would be met were flooding caused by a one-in-20-year rain event. I suggest the wording be “No properties (buildings) are flooded as a result of a rain event which has a **probability of once in fifty or fewer years**”.

(z) Environmental Conservation Attractions

Unlike the Te Raekaihau Point proposal, I support WCC working with the Wellington Marine Conservation Trust for a proposal at the former Maranui Depot site. That location is not only generally more reasonable, but also on the landward side of the road.

I have previously submitted that the emphasis on exotic species makes Wellington Zoo less deserving than organisations for conserving our own native flora and fauna. I am pleased to see that “Meet the Locals” will start to provide more balance.

(aa) Libraries (page 74)

I strongly support WCC provision of libraries and library services. While the central library is invaluable, WCC should be promoting and supporting branch libraries and certainly not trying to downgrade or remove them or avoid building new ones. Suburban libraries not only eliminate unnecessary travel but also provide a focal point for the suburb. People using the local library are more likely to use their local shops and services than if they are forced to travel further afield.

Nicola Old

From: Michael Taylor [mgtaylor@kol.co.nz]
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 5:10 p.m.
To: BUS: Annual Plan
Subject: Submission on WCC Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011

Attachments: Attachment information; WCCPLN10.pdf



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(108 KB)

I attach my personal submission on the draft annual plan. Please note that I have asked to be heard. If there is any problem opening or reading the .PDF file please let me know (email or telephone 3898071) and I can supply it in some other format.

Thanks,
Michael Taylor

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Subject: Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan

The following details have been submitted from the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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I would like to make an oral submission in mid May: Yes

I am making this submission: as an individual

In general, what is the highest climate change priority for you: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through multiple measures including energy efficiency, reduced private fossil fuelled vehicle use and limiting growth.

How strongly do you support or oppose the approach of the draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan:
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Do you think the Council is focusing on the right areas and projects in its response to climate change: Yes

I you think the Council's proposed response to climate change is: Not enough

Vulnerability assessment - preparing for climate change impacts: 4

Electric vehicle pilot project: 4

Council energy-management programme: 5

Business energy-saver programme: 4

Home energy-saver programme: 5

Do you agree with the emissions reduction targets in the Action Plan: No

Why: The targets are very poorly specified and too weak.

A 40% reduction by developed countries on their 1990 levels is needed by 2020 to be on track to meet a 450ppm concentration in 2050. The scientific consensus is that concentration gives only a 50%/50% chance of avoiding a 2 degree temperature increase.

The reductions proposed are inadequate to meet that, not only because the numbers are too small but also the figures are substantially exaggerated by using more recent reference year(s). Changes should be given relative to 1990 levels. That is only common, international standard and the one which is well known to the public (e.g. as in 40% by 2020). It allows targets to be compared easily across many boundaries (different activities, different countries, worldwide, citywide, from year to year etc) and eliminates the "cherry picking" of years to make the numbers look good.

The statements in which the reference year has not been made clear (e.g. page 6 "30% TARGET TO REDUCE EMISSIONS BY 2020" and page 18 "This draft plan proposes an interim target to reduce the city's emissions by 3% by June 2013") are meaningless. It cannot even be assumed that a single reference year is used throughout a WCC document (e.g. Draft Annual Plan uses two different years for targets in consecutive sentences on page 55).

I do note that page 10 says "They provide the foundation for a more ambitious programme when we next review the city's Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) in 2012" and trust that that greater ambition will lead to stronger targets.

Do you disagree with any of the actions proposed in the Action Plan: Although there may be some that would be more effective than some of those proposed I do generally agree with the actions proposed.

What information would be valuable or assist you to take action on reducing emissions and adapting to climate change: ongoing feedback on actions so far, their effect and latest predictions. I may have missed it, but I have not seen any statistics from WCC (or Vector) on the performance of the micro generator at Waitangi Park. Such information would be an example of encouragement to be involved or take action..

How would you like to get involved in assisting the Council to respond to climate change issues: Through being kept informed and being allowed to participate in genuine consultation on Council proposals.

Any other comments: Even if one were to believe the very vocal but very much minority who claim something other than human activity is causing climate change, it would make little difference. The point is that the predicted effects have very serious adverse effects on humans. Steps to prevent those effects or at least reduce them to more manageable or tolerable levels are required whatever the cause.

I totally agree with the statement (page 5) "and we must do our share in reducing greenhouse gas emissions"

Although page 33 has "C7 - Water conservation: The electricity used to treat and pump water for Wellington City accounted for around 6% of the Council's organisational emissions. Reducing water

demand will therefore reduce the Council's carbon footprint." WCC's Draft Annual Plan has no significant reduction in residential per capita consumption. It should have. As part of making "A sustainable Rugby World Cup: ..." (page 33) it should be a requirement that all games be played during daylight hours to avoid the use of floodlighting. Page 18 and elsewhere (e.g. Airport use page 17 & 38), identify growth as being a problem for reducing greenhouse gas omission. WCC should discourage growth. Do the consumption figures on page 20 include industrial use? If so their expression as per person is unhelpful. I strongly support requiring "Feed-in tariffs" BE8 (page 22). However, such regulations need to be set countrywide, so WCC's involvement should be in getting central government to do that.

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Please note that my request to make an oral submission assumes that that hearing would be separate from hearing my submission on the Draft Annual Plan.

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Mt Victoria Residents Association

Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan 2010

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The Mount Victoria Residents Association ('MVRA') has a long history of advocacy and consultation with the Wellington City Council, and appreciates the opportunity to supply our views on the council's Draft Annual Plan for 2010.

Community Facilities

As many of the items proposed do not have direct impact on the residents of Mt Victoria, we have only addressed items of direct interest.

1. **Bus Shelters** – MVRA supports the capex proposed, and would like to work with Council to see the establishment of shelters on the major bus routes passing through the neighbourhood.
2. **Basin Reserve** – MVRA supports the proposed capex to maintain and enhance the Basin Reserve. We request that the Council also support the undergrounding of the proposed roading changes around the Basin Reserve and advocate this position with the NZ Transport Agency, so that the heritage character that the Council is protecting with this \$112K in capital expenditure is not destroyed by a flyover.
3. **Enviroschools** – MVRA supports the opex proposed, and wonders why this item was not included as part of the climate change response plans as it appears to form part of that strategy.

Climate Change Response

MVRA is warmly supportive of the Council's moves to address the pressing issues of climate change, and is supportive of many of the measures being taken. However we have the view that the Council could (and should) be doing more, particularly in the area of transport emissions. Our comments are as follows:

1. **Vulnerability Assessment** – MVRA supports this important assessment work and the opex expenditures proposed.
2. **Electric Vehicle Pilot** – While there is widespread community scepticism about the effects that electric vehicles will have on the city’s emissions profile – particularly given that there are easier, cheaper and quicker ways to effect emissions reductions in the transport sector – MVRA is supportive of the \$50K of capex for these investigations.
3. **Council Energy Efficiency Initiatives** – MVRA fully supports the opex and capex expenditures proposed and congratulates the Council on the efficiency and CO2 savings that have already been made.
4. **Business Energy Saver Programme and Home Energy Saver Programme** – MVRA supports the intent of these programmes and the opex expenditures proposed.
5. **Additional Climate Change Initiatives** – While the initiatives outlined by the Council are worthwhile, it appears that little or no progress is being proposed in this DAP around transport, which the Council notes is a key driver of Wellington’s emissions profile. It is MVRA’s view that the Council should take stronger and bolder action in this area, focused on the following practical projects:
 - The Council should immediately ban private cars from Lambton Quay, which will significantly increase the efficiency and emissions profile of the public transport network;
 - The Council should establish bus-only lanes in Courtenay Place to capitalise on the efficiency gains being promised as a result of the Manners Mall changes, which will further impact the emissions profile of public transport in the city;
 - The Council should give immediate effect to its own policies in regard to the promotion of active modes, by requiring its transport engineers to view pedestrians and cyclists as equally valuable as cars when planning and implementing roading changes, and by allocating funding between the modes on an equitable basis, instead of the discriminatory basis currently employed;
 - The Council should advocate with central government for the legislative authority to implement congestion charging – as used by other capital cities around the world – so that market signals can be used to change transport habits;

- The Councils should advocate for the creation of a safe cyclist and pedestrian route through Mt Victoria via the Paterson Street pilot tunnel with NZ Transport Agency;
- The Councils should actively work with GWRC to design and implement a light rail corridor from the railway station to the airport, with a defined implementation timetable.

Central City Design

As many of the items proposed do not have direct impact on the residents of Mt Victoria, we have only addressed items of direct interest.

1. **Wellington 2040** – MVRA has made submission on the Wellington 2040 strategy and looks forward to participating further in these discussions. We support the opex and capex proposed.
2. **Community Facilities** – MVRA is concerned that there is a lack of focus on inner city residents in the various discussions around community facilities. The Council has plans to significantly increase the number of residents in and around the CBD over the next few decades, which will result in a more vibrant city. However these residents will require additional facilities, ranging from open spaces and parks to crèches, kindergartens and schools. Very little planning appears to have occurred to allow for these additional facilities, and there does seem to be an assumption that all inner city dwellers require is an extensive range of cafes. For instance, the Council's plans for the waterfront seem to suggest that the number of buildings will increase, and the amount of open space and public areas will decrease – at the same time as the number of people using these public facilities will be growing. It is therefore MVRA's view that the Council should conduct an audit of inner city facilities and develop a plan for ensuring they meet the requirements of the inner city population in an equitable fashion, in consultation with the various stakeholder and representative groups.
3. **Community Centre Funding** – MVRA is largely supportive of the approach being taken by the Council, as multi-year contracts provide a higher degree of stability for the Crossways Community Centre. However we propose that as Crossways is located in a leased building, the contracts should be aligned with the lease renewal periods, as this will provide benefits for the Council, the community and the landlord alike. Where necessary, a policy change should be made to support this mode of operation. We also note that the usage statistics from Crossways indicate that it is serving a much wider catchment than simply the local Mt Victoria neighbourhood.

RWC 2011

We note that while the Rugby World Cup is being touted as economically beneficial for the city, the majority of the benefits appear to accrue solely to the accommodation and hospitality sectors – it is not clear that more general businesses will benefit in any way from this event. In fact, a strong argument can be made that the RWC will present significant disruption for other local businesses, due to the additional logistical pressures that will be placed on the city.

Accordingly, while MVRA is supportive of the event itself, it is our view that the additional costs should be borne largely by the sectors that will accrue the greatest benefits; in other words, the allocation of costs and benefits within the budget for RWC events should be more transparent. The underlying principle should be that where there are long-term benefits beyond the RWC itself, general ratepayers should participate in the funding; however if the benefits are only felt during the Cup itself, the vast majority of the costs should be borne by the accommodation and hospitality sectors. This seems an equitable approach. Our proposals for the various initiatives outlined in the DAP are therefore as follows:

1. **Rugby World Cup Village** – MVRA is opposed to the additional \$100K opex in 2010/11 and \$50K in 2011/12, which should be funded through a levy on the hospitality sector that will be directly benefiting from the revenue opportunities in the village. No general ratepayer funding should be used for the village, given that ratepayers have already provided the capital investment for the Wharewaka.
2. **RWC Sculpture** – MVRA is opposed to ratepayers funds being spent on this sculpture, and has the view that funding should be sought from the Wellington Sculpture Trust or similar philanthropic sources given the tight budgetary constraints being felt by the Council and ratepayers alike.
3. **Maori Heritage Trail** – MVRA supports the \$37K of additional capex funding as this trail will provide an ongoing benefit to the city by contributing to an understanding of Wellington's heritage.
4. **CBD Street Cleaning** – MVRA would like to commend the excellent work that is done by the Council's street cleaning staff, particularly in the Courtenay precinct and Waitangi Park. We are supportive of the general increase in street cleaning in the CBD; however we have the strong view that the \$350K opex variation proposed for the period of the RWC should be funded exclusively through a levy on the hospitality businesses in the areas that will be creating the reasons for the additional cleaning. The Council should also investigate whether

a specific cleaning levy is a more equitable approach for the Courtenay precinct in time for the 2011/12 DAP.

5. **Newtown Park Sports Field Upgrade** – MVRA has no view on this item.
6. **Courtenay Place Toilets Upgrade** – MVRA supports the \$500K capex investment in 2010/11 as it will provide ongoing benefit for the city.
7. **Parking Advisory Signs** – MVRA notes that this expenditure is contrary to the principles outlined in the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor Plan, and is inconsistent with the Climate Change Action Plan and the Council's own policies on the promotion of active modes and public transport in preference to private cars. It is therefore very disappointing to see the Council falling at the first hurdle when it comes to giving effect to these strategies, by proposing a measure that will simply promote the use of cars. MVRA is therefore completely opposed to the \$300K of capex.
8. **Waterloo Quay Roding Improvements** - MVRA notes that this expenditure is contrary to the principles outlined in the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor Plan, and is inconsistent with the Climate Change Action Plan and the Council's own policies on the promotion of active modes and public transport in preference to private cars. While improvements for pedestrians disembarking from cruise ships would be welcomed, this does not seem to be the primary objective of the roading improvements. MVRA is therefore completely opposed to the budget and work being brought forward into 2010/11.

Other Issues of Relevance to Mt Victoria

There are a number of additional issues that are important to the residents of Mt Victoria, and MVRA seeks the inclusion of the activities detailed below in the 2010 DAP:

1. **Heritage Audit** – MVRA has been advocating for a heritage audit of our neighbourhood for quite some years, and it would be helpful to see some progress in light of the changes made through DPC72. Consultation on the rule change emphasised the fact that planning certainty for both the Council and residents could be dramatically improved if the architectural and social history of the buildings and streetscapes in Mt Victoria was known, and conducting an independent audit is the best way to achieve this goal. There are significant local resources – such as the knowledge and expertise of the Mt Victoria Historical Society – that could be brought to bear on an audit, which would significantly reduce the costs to the Council. It is our view that there is no reason why the project could not be scoped and costed during

2010/11 and a proposal for funding put forward for the 2011 DAP, particularly when not doing so will result in the continuing demolition of homes with significant heritage value.

2. **Kent/Cambridge Road Crossing** – The lack of a safe pedestrian crossing on the north side of the Kent Terrace/Elizabeth Street intersection is another long-standing issue for Mt Victoria residents. Some progress has been made with the Council's traffic engineers in the last year, but progress is excruciatingly slow – according to old copies of the Mt Victoria Newsletter, there have been unaddressed concerns for the last 25 years. The problem seems to stem solely from the desire of the Council's traffic engineers to regard pedestrians as inconveniences that need to be kept out of the way of the terribly important cars, and – in the light of the Council's alleged commitments to the principles in the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Climate Change Action Plan – it's high time for change. Accordingly, we look forward to a safe crossing being established in the term of the 2010 DAP.
3. **Overhead Lines Undergrounding** – MVRA notes that the current overhead power lines represent a significant fire risk for our neighbourhood in the event of a substantial earthquake, and this risk is not decreasing with time. The experiences of the 1931 earthquake led the Napier council to come up with a plan to remove all overhead lines over a period of decades, and this has now been successfully achieved. Despite strong public representations on this subject some years ago and ongoing requests for planning in this area, the Council appears to not even have a plan to develop a plan. This is clearly inadequate and MVRA would like to see a plan developed during the 2010 DAP period given the existential risk to our neighbourhood.
4. **Consultation** – In its submission on the LTCCP, MVRA made a number of recommendations that we would like to reiterate and seek funding for in the 2010 DAP. These are:
 - A redesign the WCC website with increased relevant cross-references, improved navigation, usability and accessibility, and a move away from the use of PDF files as the preferred mechanism of displaying documents on the website;
 - Easier access on the site to large reference documents such as the District Plan, including an effective search function and Google Maps/GIS integration;
 - The availability of an online organisational chart listing council staff, their responsibilities and contact details.

5. Clyde Quay boat harbour – MVRA seeks a heritage and a Reserves Act assessment of the onshore features of the Clyde Quay boat harbour, so that options around the further development of the area can be made in an informed and considered fashion.
6. Roads and footpaths – MVRA seeks a thorough appraisal of the resurfacing requirements of roads and footpaths throughout Mt Victoria, to include the resurfacing the carriageway of Porritt Ave, and the communication of the likely timelines for resurfacing to local residents. MVRA would like to commend the Council for maintenance of roads and footpaths – such as in Ellice Street – that has occurred in the last few years.
7. Trees – Due to the recent changes to the protection for trees under the RMA, MVRA requests a heritage tree survey of the street trees in Mt Victoria so that appropriate protections can be sought under the District Plan.

Nicola Old

From: MVRA Committee [mvra@mtvictoria.org.nz]
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2010 3:48 p.m.
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Subject: Submission on DAP 2010 from the Mt Victoria Residents Association

Attachments: MVRA Draft Annual Plan 2010 submission.pdf



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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the Council's plans for the coming year, and please find attached our submission on the DAP 2010. We would like to speak to our submission in due course, and can be contacted by e-mail or phone using the details below.

Kind regards

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The Mount Victoria Residents Association ('MVRA') has a long history of advocacy and consultation with the Wellington City Council, and appreciates the opportunity to supply our views on the council's Climate Change Action Plan.

Climate Change Action Plan

MVRA is warmly supportive of the Council's moves to address the pressing issues of climate change, and is supportive of many of the measures being taken. However we have the view that the Council could (and should) be doing more, particularly in the area of transport emissions, particularly in light of . Our comments are as follows:

Vulnerability Assessment – MVRA supports this important assessment work and the opex expenditures proposed for this work in the 2010 DAP.

Electric Vehicle Pilot – While there is widespread community scepticism about the effects that electric vehicles will have on the city's emissions profile – particularly given that there are easier, cheaper and quicker ways to effect emissions reductions in the transport sector – MVRA is supportive of the initiatives outlined in the Action Plan.

Council Energy Efficiency Initiatives – MVRA congratulates the Council on the efficiency and CO2 savings that have already been made, and is highly supportive of the additional initiatives outlined in the Action Plan.

Business Energy Saver Programme and Home Energy Saver Programme – MVRA supports the intent of these programmes and the opex expenditures proposed.

Additional Climate Change Initiatives – While the initiatives outlined by the Council are worthwhile, it appears that little or no progress is being proposed in the Action Plan around transport, which the Council notes is a key driver of Wellington’s emissions profile. It is MVRA’s view that the Council should take stronger and bolder action in this area, focused on the following practical projects within the 2013 timeframe:

- The Council should immediately ban private cars from Lambton Quay, which will significantly increase the efficiency and emissions profile of the public transport network;
- The Council should establish bus-only lanes in Courtenay Place to capitalise on the efficiency gains being promised as a result of the Manners Mall changes, which will further impact the emissions profile of public transport in the city;
- The Council should give immediate effect to its own policies in regard to the promotion of active modes, by requiring its transport engineers to view pedestrians and cyclists as equally valuable as cars when planning and implementing roading changes, and by allocating funding between the modes on an equitable basis, instead of the discriminatory basis currently employed;
- The Council should advocate with central government for the legislative authority to implement congestion charging – as used by other capital cities around the world – so that market signals can be used to change transport habits;
- The Councils should advocate for the creation of a safe cyclist and pedestrian route through Mt Victoria via the Paterson Street pilot tunnel with NZ Transport Agency;
- The Councils should actively work with GWRC to design and implement a light rail corridor from the railway station to the airport, with a defined implementation timetable.

Enviroschools – MVRA notes that opex funding for the continuation of the Enviroschools programme is proposed in the 2010 DAP, and wonders why this item was not included as part of the Action Plan as it appears to form part of this strategy.

Emissions Target – MVRA notes that the targets set by the Council are relatively small-scale, and there is considerable public agitation for much higher targets given the significance of the danger to the biosphere from continuing emissions. However our view at this time is that achievable targets are best; while the 3% by 2013 goal is not high, it is still ambitious as it requires a considerable change in the “business as usual” scenario. The problems of ambitious but essentially unachievable targets has been graphically demonstrated by the aspirational “carbon-free capital” branding and the backlash that has resulted from what has been seen as a political (rather than practical) target.

Accordingly, MVRA supports the 3% by 2013 goal as being a useful demonstration that the city can set and then meet tangible targets by changing policies and behaviours.

Aviation Emissions – While the strategies outlined in the Action Plan are sensible, they are also timid. There is also the perceived conflict of interest between the Council as a responsible local government entity attempting to reduce emissions, and the Council as a major shareholder in Wellington Airport. It is our view that the Council needs to deal with this particular conundrum, as follows:

- The Council should seek a regular and explicit mandate from ratepayers for its continued shareholding in the airport, given that the public concerns over climate change and impending peak oil challenges are only going to increase over time. To minimise the costs of such an exercise and to increase the visibility of the exercise in the political domain, it is proposed that a standing referendum question is added to the local government ballot paper, commencing in 2013.
- The Council should abandon further subsidisation of the airport via its transport strategies, by lobbying against the proposed second Mt Victoria tunnel and Ruahine St widenings with the NZ Transport Agency, and advocating with both NZTA and GWRC for improved public transport access to the airport and the eastern suburbs, via a light rail system.

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From: Marie and Rory O'Connor [oconnor_family@xtra.co.nz]
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Cc: 'Margot Wilson'; 'Alison Pask'; 'David Waters'; 'Roger Ellis'; 'Rory O'Connor'; 'Tricia Chapman'; 'Wendy Welsh'

Attachments: Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan version 2.doc

This submission to the Draft 2010 Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan is made by the Amesbury Drive School Establishment Board of Trustees. The Board wishes to make an oral submission to the Hearings Subcommittee.

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Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan (Churton Park)

This submission is made by the Establishment Board of Trustees of the yet to be built Amesbury Drive Primary School, Churton Park. The school is to open at the beginning of 2012. The project is at the start of the design phase, and decisions made over the next three to four months will determine the buildings that are to be erected during 2011. Any enhancement to the normal provisions for the school would need to be incorporated in to the architect's plans.

The Board acknowledge that the school will have a significant role in its community, and, depending on the nature of its facilities, could be a centre for a range of community activities. Any enhanced facilities would cement the school's role as the heart of the community.

The Board is aware that "the Council plans to spend just over \$800,000 on indoor or outdoor community infrastructure in the suburb" in the 2010-2011 year. The Board wishes the Council to know that we see an opportunity to have some of the possible activities based on facilities which could be sited at the Amesbury Drive School site. We see that it could be possible to enhance what will be provided at the school for the students, so that community use would be enabled.

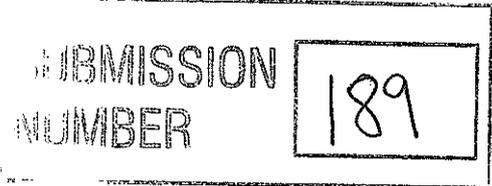
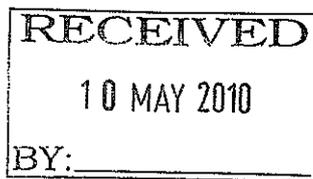
Some options which the Board have agreed upon are:

- the enhancement of the school hall by enlarging its area, having a higher ceiling, developing an appropriate kitchen, and extending toilet facilities so that it could be used by community groups;
- music, drama and art rooms which could be open to community use;
- astro turf and outdoor play equipment which would be available to the public outside of school hours.

These suggestions would provide resources for the community to use as well as enhancing the work of the school.

Alternatively, there is the opportunity to aggregate all the Council funded community facilities at the school, and maximise the synergy of co-location with the school. Such a plan could utilise the \$812,500 in 2010/2012 and the \$845,000 in 2012/13. With the growth of the Stebbings Valley part of Churton Park, the Amesbury Drive School site would be centrally located. Such a plan would require careful site utilisation, and could potentially require resource consent.

The Board is aware of the consultation the Council has had with the community in order to identify what facilities are needed. The Board suggests that when the results of this process are known that Council officers should discuss with the Board what implications these could have for the school, and for the decisions that the Council will make. We are aware that the timeline for these decisions is tight. However, the opportunity to optimise the benefit to Churton Park and to get maximum value from the money that is to be spent by the Council is one that is worth working to achieve.



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Governance: Although the process for information and feedback is excellent, WCC fails to listen to the concerns and opinions of so many who take the time to engage on particular issues. The direction of WCC appears to be set before the public is offered the opportunity to comment. The real rates should be made known to the public. No rates increases should be considered while WCC continues to allow a few developers to avoid paying rates and thereby use public funds as a source for low cost loans. WCC should get its balance sheet in better balance before borrowing to fund dubious ventures, such as Zealandia.

Environment: Greater care should be shown in protecting shore and bush to prevent development projects. WCC should not invest public funding in private ventures such as the Marine Education Centre proposal, or the financial disasters such as the investment in Zealandia., which appear to obtain favoured consideration for funding from WCC. No further incursions should be made in the Town Belt. Water should remain owned by the public. WCC should use its fund to better maintain water and electrical infrastructure, and prevent the terrible events like the Owhiro stream disaster.

Economic Development: Financial support for the St James and Embassy, and other similar excellent investments owned by the public, should continue. These assets should receive priority over cosmetic make-overs of small parks which seem to benefit only a few businesses in proximity. Event funding seems to be a better skill set of WCC than development projects. However, the Rugby events should also be viewed for potential damage to public and private property, and the danger to people in the area. WCC should require increased police patrols, sobriety checks, and ensure that women, in particular, are not at increased risk of assaults. These costs should be carried by increased levies for the bars, hotels, and cafes in the area.

Cultural Well-being: Cultural investment is a good investment for Wellington, and should continue to receive funding priority.

Social & Recreation: I urge the Council to return to maintaining libraries as one of the highest funding priorities, lower fines and fees, and increase hours and the stock of books. Many classic books simply are not available in the entire library system. An informed electorate is essential to a democracy and free public libraries are necessary. The council should provide free public swimming schools and swimming classes throughout the city. The wet hostel should be funded and established.

Urban Development: Development in the CBD is out of control. Height limits should be enforced, and traffic issues really considered before approvals are made such as the supermarket near the Basin Reserve. There should be no further development at all on the waterfront - a 5 year moratorium should be undertaken to let future planners examine better use of the area. Open spaces should be preserved.

Transport: The current level of bus service is terrible; WCC should find a better supplier of the service or establish its own. WCC should undertake a comprehensive study of the best means to provide light rail services throughout the city rather than investing in outdated investments in roading. Parking problems would lessen and the costs of maintaining streets would decrease. The flyover proposed at the Basin Reserve should be abandoned. WCC should stop re-doing streets every two years to fit that year's fashion - for example, Courtenay Place has been re-done year after year. A real effort should be made to increase bike pathways.

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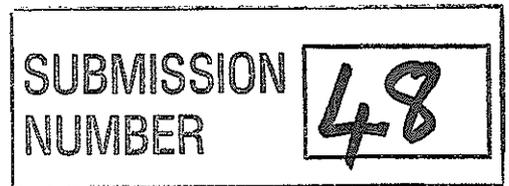
Organisation Name: Capital Football

Type of organisation: Other

Other details: Sporting

Social & Recreation: Our submission will focus on:

- the fact that just to maintain current playing numbers we need 31 grounds in Wellington for senior competitions and 59 grounds for junior competitions
- the need for sufficient playing fields to cater for the growth in football playing numbers in Wellington
- welcoming the introduction of artificial pitches
- a programme for upgrading our grass pitches. Artificial pitches are part of the solution but we will always need good quality grass pitches.



About You

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Tell us what you think about the overall approach we are planning to take in the draft Community Facilities Policy.

The approach you are planning is sound. The hierarchy of provision of facilities is an appropriate way to provide the necessary facilities at an acceptable cost.

The facilities outlined for Churton Park are appropriate as within a reasonable distance the other facilities such as libraries and swimming pools are available at Johnsonville. The projected growth for Churton Park is 7500 residents and based on the draft policy this would provide community space of 300m². This would provide adequate passive space but may be a bit limiting for active recreation depending on what is included in active recreation.

What do you think about the areas of focus in our strategic priorities? Are these the right ones?

The areas you have identified are the appropriate ones.

Libraries that are readily accessible are very important. Literacy for a large number of children is a challenge. The more people that we can encourage to get the "reading bug" the stronger our community will be.

Swimming pools are a key area for any community. Learn to swim facilities are particularly important as there are many young people that cannot swim. Private tuition is very expensive and out of the reach of many families.

Community space is a must for a healthy community. Providing a place to meet (especially for elderly people) that is easily accessible by public transport is important to promote community involvement.

Do you agree with the investment proposals we have identified in our plan? Are there any others you think we should consider?

We agree these are the key priorities.

The extension of Westchester Drive is of key importance for Churton Park. This will assist access to the suburb and improve the access to the Sub Regional facilities at Johnsonville.

What do you think of the timing for these investment proposals?

The proposed new Neighbourhood Centre in Churton Park is in the final planning stages. The new school is to be completed for the beginning of the 2012 school year. It would be appropriate to provide any community space at the same time as these developments take place.

The expansion of the Johnsonville library is planned within the next four to seven years. Given the rapid expansion of the northern suburbs this is too far into the future.

Tell us what you think about limiting public access to some parts of our pools at peak times so we can provide more learn-to-swim classes until the new learners' pools are built.

Many children do not currently learn to swim. If they do not learn at a young age they are unlikely to learn at a later date. Learning to swim is top priority.

Do you have any other comments?

As noted in the consultation document, Churton Park has very few community facilities, a fact that has been recognised and for some time. However the purpose of the reference in this context to the new school raises some concern.

The proceeds (\$812,500) from the recent sale of an area of reserve land to be used for the new school has provided a starting point for the funding of community facilities in Churton Park, for all the people of Churton Park.

However this should not in any way be seen as being the only contribution required. If the piece of reserve land had not been sold for the school, it would have been ultimately developed as a recreation area. The need for appropriate community facilities would still have been an issue to be faced up to by Council, to be funded independently from this "windfall" sum.

An assurance is required that funding in future years will be available to be used in addition to this initial sum to redress the obvious lack of community facilities in this suburb.

We would like to present our views to Councillors.

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The following details have been submitted from the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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In general, what is the highest climate change priority for you: Solutions to energy greenhouse emissions coincide to a great degree to solutions for affordable energy services, as energy supply costs are rising steadily. Mitigation of high temperatures and increased high rainfall events can be helped by urban tree planting, which in turn can provide firewood and garden compost. Hence I strongly support A7, more street planting and green roofs.

How strongly do you support or oppose the approach of the draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan: 5

Do you think the Council is focusing on the right areas and projects in its response to climate change: Yes

I you think the Council's proposed response to climate change is: Not enough

Vulnerability assessment - preparing for climate change impacts: 4

Electric vehicle pilot project: 4

Council energy-management programme: 4

Business energy-saver programme: 4

Home energy-saver programme: 5

Do you agree with the emissions reduction targets in the Action Plan: Yes

Why: Any claim these targets are not achievable, or uneconomic, is bunkum. Centrally generated electricity is getting rapidly more expensive; local sources - especially biomass - is now the most affordable alternative. Cities are best placed to encourage development of appropriate sources, and Wellington is well endowed not only with renewable electricity resources, but also land for tree planting. The Clean Technology Centre of Excellence should include means of gathering and processing landscaping wastes to maximise its energy content while minimising transport costs. Pine branchwood dries rapidly and has very high energy density.

Do you disagree with any of the actions proposed in the Action Plan: All the Council's proposed actions are valid and valuable. I disagree only with the interpretation of "renewable energy" as applying only to electricity. The potential for development of a local firewood industry is significant. The single biggest move would be to have a firewood drying kiln similar to that used by City Firewood in Christchurch. Can the Council encourage some business to do that? It would reduce air pollution as well as creating a new affordable heat resource.

What information would be valuable or assist you to take action on reducing emissions and adapting to climate change: Information? I want ACCESS to dry firewood, without paying a huge retail margin to supermarkets, big box hardware/ garden stores or service stations.

How would you like to get involved in assisting the Council to respond to climate change issues: Through publicity of the benefits of home energy retrofits - I am a member of the Grey Power Federation Board.

Through encouraging urban tree planting and management - I am active with the Lower Hutt transition towns, and am in contact with Wellington groups also.

Any other comments: Home energy is becoming increasingly unaffordable, as the big generator-retailers talk up the necessity of further increasing electricity prices - and all competing household energy - natural gas, LPG, and firelogs/ pellets/ supermarket firewood - rise to what the market will bear. Firewood will always be "gathered" as a "free" resource. The City Council should work with Grey Power and with transition town groups to ensure all available wood resource is put to its highest value use - generally, home wood burning.
