

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?:

Yes

I am able to attend: Morning, Afternoon, Evening

I intend to attend: In-person

Would you like to be added to our database to be notified of future consultations?:

Yes

Your Details

Full Name: Ian Patterson

Organisation: Mid Canterbury Rugby Union Inc.

Do you agree with our preferred option or do you support another option?

Drinking water meters:

Let us know why:

Elderly Persons Housing:

Let us know why:

What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?:

Mid Canterbury Rugby Union are submitting in regard to the proposal in the Draft LTP to pause the development of Sportsfields at EA stadium while undertaking research into the best way to utilise the centre." The Draft Plan also states that "after the study, the project "may be rescheduled in the next 10-year plan." This is simply not acceptable in our view. Words such as "paused" and "maybe" after all the community effort that has gone into the EA Stadium and Stage 2 planning and investment are disappointing to read, and reflect the lack of consultation, and staff turnover, since the EA Sportsfield Masterplan 2017 was presented to the user groups. Our submission is, that the project as set out in the 2017 EA Sportsfield Masterplan needs to stay in the current plan, and that, the Council must continue to progress the project as planned, with further consultation with the community. This masterplan was developed in consultation with user groups and, along with the current facility underpins Councils own statement - that the "EA Networks Centre, 100% owned and operated by Council, is the district's sporting hub for local residents" Rugby is a sport which involves 25% of the District's community every Saturday during the winter season. Female participation in the game continues to grow. We also see the project offering a solution to the rationalisation of sports facilities in Ashburton township. The EA Sportsfield project offers the opportunity to build a multi-generational, gender neutral facility for Outdoor Sports and complete the vision for a community sports hub to be based on the land that Council has acquired for the purpose. Funding sources available for such a facility. If the Council no longer sees EA Sportsfield as an option then there needs to be a firm commitment to an alternative proposal. We look forward to the opportunity to present a more detailed submission to Council.

