
Feedback sought on Hagley Oval proposal

The Associate Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration has recently accepted the proposal for Hagley Oval developed by Regenerate Christchurch on behalf of the Canterbury Cricket Trust. The Minister is now seeking public feedback on the proposal.

Canterbury Cricket Trust have advised Hagley Oval's current resource consent conditions make it costly and difficult for Hagley Oval to host large international fixtures, in particular day-night matches that are now required by top-tier teams. As a result, Hagley Oval is less competitive when bidding for games compared to its rival cricket grounds. With the Women's Cricket World Cup approaching in 2021, the changes in the proposal will need to be approved by the Minister in order for Christchurch City to be able to bid for and host top-tier games. Bids for the upcoming Woman's Cricket Work Cup close on 20 December 2019.

The proposal provided to the Minister seeks to amend the Christchurch District Plan through section 71 of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act 2016 (*GCR Act*). The proposal seeks to incorporate the current resource consent conditions into the Plan and to amend certain aspects of those conditions, including:

- Amending the current condition to increase the four, retractable light towers to allow six permanent light towers to meet international broadcast standards.
- Allow more lenient pack in and out timeframes for temporary facilities associated with hosting cricket matches; to improve health and safety and limit damage to the Oval grounds.
- Increasing the number of fixtures allowed per season, including an allowance for hosting International Cricket Council events on years that they occur.

Given the time constraints and the regeneration benefits for Christchurch through hosting top-tier games at the World Cup, (along with future international cricket matches) Regenerate Christchurch considered the proposal met the requirements to utilise the provisions under the GCR Act.

Regenerate Christchurch engaged with the strategic partners while drafting the proposal, including Christchurch City Council, Ngai Tahu, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council, Environment Canterbury and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. As a result of this engagement, the proposal incorporated the feedback received from these strategic partners.

The public now has the chance to have its say, with public submissions due to close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 20 November 2019.

The proposal can be viewed and submissions made at the following link:
<http://www.dpmc.govt.nz/hagley-oval>

Following the close of submissions, the Minister must take into account the public feedback, along with the feedback from strategic partners to decide within 30 working days whether to approve or decline the proposal.

Hagley Oval Lease

As Hagley Oval sits within Hagley Park and is subject to the Hagley Park Management Plan, Christchurch City Council require a lease to be granted to the Canterbury Cricket Trust for the ground in which the proposed permanent light towers will stand on. This is a separate process to the one being run by the Minister under the GCR Act. The Christchurch City Council is seeking feedback on the proposed lease until the 18 November 2019. The link to the relevant documents and submission process can be found here: <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and-submissions/haveyoursay/show/273>
