

SAVE THE GOVERNORS BAY JETTY

SUBMISSIONS

- 1 My name is Simon Mortlock. I am a member of the Board of the Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust.
- 2 My fellow Board members, a talented group will introduce themselves following my presentation, highlighting their skills necessary to repair the Jetty.
- 3 Lots of people have expressed support and agreed to contribute to the repair. This is evident close to home. Today is my 43rd wedding anniversary. When I asked Belinda to excuse me from my usual dinner date and having forgotten to buy her a present, her response is typical of that commitment. "*Save the Jetty is all I want*". Not a big ask.
- 4 The Jetty is a popular destination for people from throughout Christchurch. How many Counsellors have walked along it and admired it and the views of Lyttelton Harbour? Those who have not should possibly get out in their own backyard and excuse themselves from this process.
- 5 We have lost so much in our built environment that was once so familiar. Closed off buildings, streets, and of course the Jetty lying in disrepair are continuing reminders of what we have lost. A sense of place, so important to us is preserved in those places we protect and we love. The Jetty is such a place.
- 6 What we have lost has been offset by a sense of community. Doing things together with a common purpose. That sense of community commitment is a critical component in a healthy recovery.
- 7 I am not going to dwell on the Jetty's amenity value. The unique experience of a 300 metre walkway over water in a stunning setting. The benefits of restoring the Jetty are obvious. We know from experience and you will know it from our submissions.
- 8 The question that remains concern:
 - 8.1 What contributions be made by Council;
 - 8.2 What contributions be made by the Community; and
 - 8.3 Over what period of time the Jetty be restored.

9 The Trust proposes a partnering relationship, expressed through a Memorandum of Understanding, where both parties make meaningful contributions. The relationship offers significant benefits:

9.1 The raising of moneys;

9.2 The contribution of new skills;

9.3 Community engagement.

10 Spending your own money for the public good focuses one's mind on a number of issues:

- You seek value for money;
- You question how things might be done better;
- You want a say in the process;
- You want the public purse to make a reasonable contribution;
- You do not argue what should have been done, but rather what can be done.

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a. The Board has examined the reports and other information available to it. We recognise there is a need for further investigation, particularly surrounding the repair methodology and costing.

b. Since the February meeting, the Board has met, with two exceptions, every week. There has been countless discussions outside those meetings. We have raised the awareness of the public. We have canvassed fundraising opportunities, already raised moneys, sold tee shirts, website up and running, Press and TV interviews.

12 We have concerns surrounding costings and repair strategy outlined in the Council's OCEL Report. The Report says it will take 225 working days to repair the Jetty by ten workers. Projected labour costs total \$1.6million, plus a 15% contingency. Without including the contingency that equates to \$70,000 per day, or \$700 for each worker. We think we can do better.

13 The Report proposes the Jetty be restored from barges on the sea, reliant on the tide and conveying men and materials from Lyttelton each day. Our engineers are of the view that the Jetty can be restored from the land as opposed to from the sea. This will take less time and get early runs on the Board.

- a. The Report suggests trucks delivering materials to the site could not turn in the area at the base of the Jetty. Rex Geddes on our Board challenges that view from his experience.
 - b. We have offers of support, offers of practical help and money, an opportunity to source hardwood at competitive rates.
 - c. We have assessed our ability to raise moneys. We have spoken with those experienced in fund raising. We have Denis Alridge on the Board, well versed in this challenge. I similarly have experience.
 - d. We cannot do it alone. While we expect significant savings to be made, a significant sum still needs to be raised. We need to be realistic. Those who contribute funds need to believe the total sum is achievable. The Council will need to contribute. The Council contribution will encourage public funding, community involvement and commitment.
- 15 Council currently intend to put off the work until 2023 or beyond. By that date it will not be a repair, it will be a replacement, costing vastly in excess of what is now envisaged. We will lose the opportunity for the restoration to be part of the City's recovery. The cost will impose a further burden on the ratepayer. It is better Council contribute now the sum of \$1.50 for every \$1 raised by the Trust.
- 16 The OCEL Report was helpful in one respect. The cost of demolishing the Jetty would likely be in the region of \$800,000. It is better to contribute to recovery than destruction.
- 17 The restoration of the 300 metres long Jetty is a major undertaking. It requires a huge commitment from the community. The community is prepared to give that commitment provided:
- The Jetty be restored in three to four years;
 - The community's contribution be made over three to four years;
 - The Council make a contribution of \$1.50 for every dollar raised by the community, a sum no greater than \$1,875,000.