

Submission to the
Hearing Panel for the
Preliminary Draft
Recovery Plan

**Relating to:
Kaiapoi East Area 10**

**Submission about:
Camper Van Park,
Public amphitheatre**

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1. Camper Van Park

The suggested camper van park is a great idea. However, its placement needs to be considered carefully as it will create an overall impression of Kaiapoi and the district. The current planned location is beside areas that are designated for commercial operations. If this is to go ahead in this proposed location there needs to be a distinctly visible and aesthetically pleasing separation between the two. As a resident who has lived next to a commercial option noise should be a big factor in the decision in where to locate this park.

Camper vans are driven by tourists. We want the impression of our town to be attractive, distinct and boutique. Our town needs to be a destination, not simply a pit-stop. We can become the place to stop for visitors to Christchurch who can stay in a nice quiet town, with a great atmosphere and do day trips to Christchurch.

Campervan park needs facilities that are able to cope with expected numbers and had proper regulation.

This is our reputation - let's make it a good one!

2. Public Amphitheatre

This is a perfect opportunity to create a space with a natural amphitheatre, usable flat space for performances and a shelter for the audience. This is something that can be used for many different types of events such as one off special events and also regular use for things like the weekly farmer's and night markets. We are in the position of creating a unique space which could offer many opportunities to Kaiapoi residents, and the wider Canterbury. If we think big, and bold, we can create opportunities to grow the Waimakariri reputation as a great place where interesting and unique things happen.

Amenities such as power and toilets are needed, but apart from that there would be little ground remediation required. The venue should also have a fountain for drinking water, something many parks seem to miss. Often sports grounds can be very empty and provide little or no shelter so an events or recreation area with natural shelter would be an advantage. Picnic tables are a great addition to this space to encourage people to come along and enjoy any festivities.

Ideas for events that might be suited to the area are: outdoor theatre productions, music events, cultural events such as kapa haka, celebratory events, public picnics, sports prize-givings, and many other community events. Kaiapoi can become a destination for wider Canterbury to visit and play.

The placement of this area within Area 10 is ideal where it compliments other planned use such as dog parks and sports fields. It is away from residential housing so reducing the impact of any noise created by events on residents. There is also there is likely to be sufficient parking due to the current planning for sports and recreation areas. The location is close enough to town to provide some business benefits from visitors to town but with direct access from the motorway pressure on traffic to the town centre can be minimised.

This is a community space, in a place where the community has lost so much, is a fantastic way to respect that loss and give back to those that have experienced difficult times.

Concept for Proposed Natural Amphitheatre for Kaiapoi East Area 10

