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Community Board Central Ward

1. Would you consider selling parts of the OARC Regeneration Zone lands to generate revenue eg to offset rates, or finance OARC projects?

To maintain the integrity of the space no land should be split off and sold – long term leases could be used to activate spaces in accordance with the governing body's vision.

2. What options for enhancing flat water sports recreation would you be willing to consider in the OARC and why?

I would support all options that enhance the use of OARC for flat water sports as long as they do not detract from the ecological values of the area.

3. What options for attracting visitors to the OARC would you be willing to consider and why?

People will be attracted to use the area due to its size, ecological values and proximity to residential homes. I would support activities that ensure OARC is well used for example large scale events such as music festivals, recreational pursuits that activate the water spaces, and restoration of native habitat.

4. What do you think is the best ownership and governance model for the OARC?

Council ownership with a trust providing governance comprised of joint membership with both appointed and elected roles. People around the decision making table should include Council, Ngai-Tahu and community elected representatives.

5. What is your vision for the OARC over time and what role should Council have in implementing it?

My vision is a thriving, abundant nature reserve that is safe, and well used by people. Council will have a funding role in supporting the establishment of a community trust and implementing projects. Grants could also be used as another source of funding to support the vision.

Sally Buck
Community Board Central Ward

1. Would you consider selling parts of the OARC Regeneration Zone lands to generate revenue eg to offset rates, or finance OARC projects?

If there was a community group who wanted to buy some for a community project then yes I would, but this would more likely be a lease. Otherwise no, I especially do not want to see it sold to developers

2. What options for enhancing flat water sports recreation would you be willing to consider in the OARC and why?

I think there could be changes made to the river to allow for some more flat water sports to be done in the vicinity of where it takes place now or in a different place

3. What options for attracting visitors to the OARC would you be willing to consider and why?

If local people and community groups are involved in implementing the plan then they will be attracted to what's happening in the Regeneration zone. People are always attracted to green space for various activities and given the size of this space there will be areas of it where events will be held and other areas where people will go to have picnics and other areas of quiet contemplation and other areas where restoration of native habitat is taking place which needs to be undisturbed.

4. What do you think is the best ownership and governance model for the OARC?

I think there should be a governance model whereby the community can be fully involved but Council needs to be represented as well because they will be funding the projects. Perhaps a trust would be best so that funding can also come from other funding agencies like Rata Foundation

5. What is your vision for the OARC over time and what role should Council have in implementing it?

My vision is that it serves the people of Christchurch and especially East Christchurch as a wonderful green space into the future and future generations will look upon it like we do Hagley Park. However this land will also reflect the native plant and animal species of the area and be a propagation site and breeding site for these.

Council will need to have a funding role in the implementation and work in cooperation with the community.
