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Kia ora,

Submission on behalf of the young people consulted for the Christchurch Youth Action Plan is below.

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I wish to speak at the hearing also.

Thanks
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Submission: Long Term Plan 2018-2028 (Environment Canterbury)

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This submission has been written on behalf of the 350 Christchurch young people that were consulted in 2017, leading to the creation of the Christchurch Youth Action Plan. As the Coordinator of the Christchurch Youth Action Plan, my aim is to ensure that young people's aspirations are heard, taken into account, and acted upon by decision-makers. The Christchurch Youth Council (CYC) holds guardianship of the Youth Action Plan. CYC is an organisation run by young people, for young people, with the aim of amplifying the voices of youth in Christchurch. The members of CYC have supported this submission.

Recommendations

1. That Environment Canterbury note and take into account the concerns of Christchurch young people that were consulted on the Youth Action Plan (YAP), particularly around the areas of:
 - a. Climate change
 - i. Pollution
 - ii. Deforestation
 - b. Freshwater management (clean rivers)
 - c. Public transport

2. In regards to public transport, that Environment Canterbury:
 - a. Recognise the disproportionate effects of raising bus prices on young people and people of lower socioeconomic status
 - b. Recognise the effects that discontinuing the six bus routes in question have, especially on lower socioeconomic areas of Christchurch
 - c. Think long term about how to create a world-class public transport system in the city that will reduce overall air pollution and carbon emissions by:
 - i. Encouraging people to reduce heavy car use
 - ii. Encouraging people to use buses and/or other modes of public transport

Submission

- 1 Many young people consulted for the Christchurch Youth Action Plan expressed immense concern for the environment, and their wish for Christchurch to be a

future-focused, green and environmentally-friendly city. As young people will soon be the decision-makers of the future, it is particularly important that their views be taken into account by the current governing structures in Canterbury, of which Environment Canterbury is key, so that Christchurch can continue to environmentally, socially, culturally and economically support the needs of future generations.

- 2 Firstly, on behalf of the young people that were consulted, thank you for your efforts in balancing these above needs so far in Canterbury. This submission will briefly set out some key environmental concerns of young people who were consulted for the YAP, and then focus in particular on the issue of public transport in the region in regards to the Long Term Plan (LTP).
- 3 In the YAP, some of the environmental issues that were of particular importance to young people consulted included:
 - a. **Climate change**
 - i. **Pollution**
 - ii. **Deforestation**
 - b. **Freshwater management (clean rivers)**
 - c. **Public transport**

For issues a-e we wish to reiterate the importance of these to Environment Canterbury, and encourage your continued and increasing efforts in managing these issues.

- 4 In regards to climate change, we support the Climate Change Integration proposal. Transparency about what is already known and being done about climate change in Canterbury would be helpful for both stakeholders and the wider community. Please make sure that this information is widely accessible and youth-friendly.

Many young people are concerned about deforestation, air pollution and carbon emissions in Christchurch and the impact these have on the changing climate. We acknowledge your efforts especially in reducing air pollution in the city, and ask for your continuing attention to and efforts to address *all* of these issues over the next 10 years and into the future.

- 5 In regards to freshwater management, that Canterbury has clean rivers and waterways is important to many young people. The current percentage of waterways in Christchurch that are not swimmable is concerning, and young people expressed a desire for:

- i. Cleaning out and protecting our rivers
- ii. Improving education of water quality in urban areas
- iii. Increased fencing at dairy farms
- iv. Increased riparian planting

We note the Te Waihora restoration programme and encourage this, and also request that attention be paid to the restoration of other rivers and waterways around Canterbury.

- 6 Finally, in regards to public transport; this was a key issue brought up by young people during consultation for the YAP. Many young people aspire that Christchurch has a forward-thinking, world class public transport system, and recognise that the current system we have needs improvement in many areas. While we recognise that the outstanding deficit must be met somehow, we encourage that Environment Canterbury **prioritises the improvement of the city's public transport system** – something that was not emphasised or expressed well in the Long Term Plan.

While discontinuing bus routes and increasing rates and/or fare prices will meet the current deficit, it will not improve public transport in Canterbury. We ask that in making their decision, Environment Canterbury:

- a. Recognises the disproportionate effects of raising bus prices on young people and people of lower socioeconomic status (the majority of users of bus services)
- b. Recognise the effects that discontinuing the six bus routes in question may have, especially on lower socioeconomic areas of Christchurch (such as New Brighton)
- c. Think long term about how to create a world-class public transport system in the city that will reduce overall air pollution and carbon emissions by:
 - i. Encouraging people to reduce heavy car use
 - ii. Encouraging people to use buses and/or other modes of public transport

- 7 Some of the ideas that young people expressed around transport in the Youth Action Plan (YAP) include:

- a. Promote and incentivise car sharing systems
- b. Incentivise use of electric vehicles
- c. Investigate green alternatives to fuel
- d. Provide more education about how to live a green lifestyle
- e. Encourage public transport

- 8 In regards to *8e encourage public transport*, we reiterate that this is something that many young people in Christchurch are very interested in being part of and want to make change on. Young people would like to be invited to discussions around how to make changes that will increase usage of public transport in the

city – thus reducing the likelihood of future deficits and the need for further fare and rate increases and bus route discontinuations.

- 9 To conclude, we request that Environment Canterbury considers the above-mentioned issues and aspirations of young people as consulted during 2017 for the Christchurch Youth Action Plan about the future of our city. In particular we would like to reiterate our concerns about climate change, pollution, deforestation, freshwater management and public transport in the region. We ask that the future of public transport in Christchurch and the voices of young people about the environment are key considerations in the revision of the Long Term Plan.