

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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Your Submission:

We, the members of the Kakariki Environment club urge you the Christchurch City Council to consider the following.

If the City Council aims to reduce traffic congestion in the city, then why are you planning on spending \$660 million on roads and only \$5 million on cycling?

From the NZTA report "Managing transport challenges when oil prices rise Research Report 357 â?" August 2008"

"Walking and cycling are by far the least oil intensive means of transport, and are the least costly forms of transportation in every measure except time; including resource use and pollution, infrastructure requirements, operating and ownership costs, safety risks, and health and fitness benefits."

In the CCC's Cycle Strategy "The long-term Vision for the Cycling Strategy is:CHRISTCHURCH IS A CYCLE FRIENDLY CITY" you yourselves wrote:

"Target 1: To increase the percentage of the population who commute to work by cycle from 7.3% in 2001 to 8.5% in 2006 and 10% in 2011."

"Objective 3: To improve safety for cyclists in Christchurch

Reducing the risks to cyclists can be achieved by improving the way other road users interact with cyclists, improving how cyclists ride and increasing the quality and quantity of cycle facilities in the city."

"It is essential in planning for cycling to make the road network more

convenient and safer for cyclists."

Your budget proposals in the LTCCP are grossly inadequate to meet these objectives. We, Kakariki urge the Christchurch City Council to increase funding for the construction of more cycle lanes and safer cycle lanes.