



**Submission on the
Christchurch City Council
Draft Annual Plan 2010-2011**

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Sustainable Otago Christchurch (SOC) is an incorporated membership society, formed in 2005. SOC has the vision of Christchurch people "practising, living and demonstrating sustainability in all that they do." (See our website www.sustainablechristchurch.org.nz)

SOC's registered charitable aim, which recognises [Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi](#) as a foundation, is to actively contribute within Otago-Christchurch to opportunities and means for achievement of long term, strong sustainability. In trying to make a difference, and head in that direction, SOC members seek to:

- ensure that all people have their basic needs satisfied,
- so that they can live in dignity, in healthy communities,
- while having the minimum adverse impact on natural systems,
- both now and in the future.

We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute this Submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2010-2011. We wish to speak to our Submission at the hearings on 10-12 May.

Our Submission is relatively short, addressing only a small number of issues that we feel are of significant importance. In doing so, however, we invite the reader to refer to our very substantial Submission last year on the Christchurch LTCCP 2009-2019 (downloadable from www.sustainablechristchurch.org.nz/submissions). In that document we expressed the urgent need to change the direction of Christchurch City's development policy towards strong sustainability, a need that has even greater urgency today. We invite Council members to re-read our last year's Submission in order to familiarize themselves with our case, which in its essence is unchanged from last year.

Specific points relating to the current Draft Annual Plan.

Transport

We understand that the New Zealand Transport Agency funding shortfall means significant changes in some projects set out in the LTCCP 2009-2019. In particular, we note the decrease in:

- Walking and cycling projects
- Travel demand management projects
- Bus priority routes and
- Suburban transport interchanges.

We deplore these changes made by Central Government, and suggest that the very substantial funding still directed by the City Council at Streets and transport in particular (page 44) would be minimally affected by diversion of sufficient funds to enable these projects to continue as planned in the LTCCP.

Weather-tight homes claims

We support the increase in funding set aside to deal with compensation claims, but believe the problem is likely to end up significantly larger than is suggested by the proposal to increase the sum set aside from \$170,000 to \$1 million a year for 6 years.