

Te Kaha Canterbury Multi-Use Arena | CCC Submission

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Kei te rangatira, tēnā koe,

We are writing on behalf of the Christchurch Youth Council (CYC) to submit on the Te Kaha multi-use arena budget consultation. We have been surveying young people from all corners of Ōtautahi and all avenues of life to help the Christchurch City Council (CCC) better develop the Long-Term Plan which we submitted last week. One of the key areas we surveyed was around climate change. CYC gathered this information by creating a youth friendly survey based on the three options of the CCC Te Kaha Consultation, we had a total of **139 surveys**. This submission is based on the survey responses, discussions we had internally with our membership, recommendations from the Te Kaha youth audit and conclusions drawn from the Christchurch Youth Action Plan (YAP). We are not representative of all of the young people in Christchurch. Young people in Christchurch may disagree with the statements made throughout this submission. We would expect and value this as no two people have the same voice or opinion.

You will find the raw data for our submission attached in an email. **We would like this submission to be given the due weighting, taking into consideration the number of Rangatahi whose voices are represented in this submission.**

The **Christchurch Youth Council / Rūnaka Taiohi o Ōtautahi (CYC)** is dedicated to **advocating for a strong youth voice** in Christchurch. We aim to provide young people with the avenue to have their say. We aim to create a community where the youth voice is as valued as **all others** in the community. Imagine every big conversation about Christchurch's future having a young person around the table: **that's our dream!**

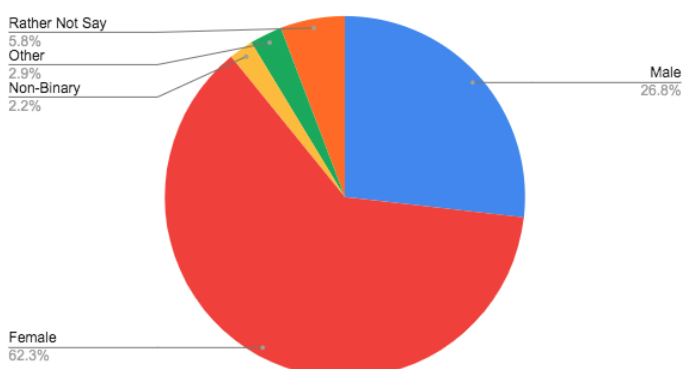
Our Kaupapa:

- 1) Support and strengthen youth voices.
- 2) Encourage active citizenship
- 3) Create inclusive spaces for young people.
- 4) Foster and build networks and relationships.
- 5) Celebrate and uplift diversity amongst young people.

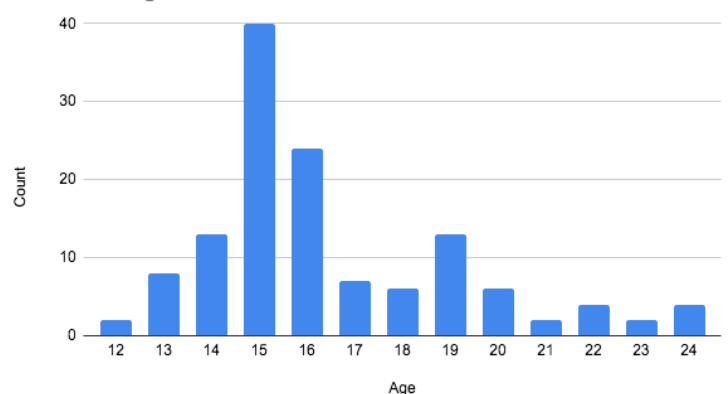
The Demographics:

We would like to note that our surveying had a higher proportion of females than other genders and that we had a higher number of mid teens than younger or older rangatahi. You can find more information regarding the demographics of the rangatahi in the raw data.

Gender



Count vs. Age



The Results:

Which Option Would You Prefer?

138 responses



We would like to highlight that 51.4% of those surveyed would like the project to go ahead, and the least popular option was to stop the project at 8%.

The rangatahi who selected option one talked about the long term benefits to the stadium such as getting larger events and sporting matches, improving the vibe of the central city, creating sustainable economic opportunities for the future of Christchurch. There was concern about the amount of money, however this group thought that ultimately the pros outweighed the cons. There were quite a few mentions about the perceived delays in the project, and wanting to “get on with it”.

The rangatahi who selected options 2 and 3 mainly commented on the economic downside to the project, many commented on the difficult financial time and that the Council were prioritising the wrong thing at this time. Things like affordable housing and mental health support were mentioned often in lieu of spending the money for a stadium.

Stadium Essentials:

Rangatahi also spoke about the kinds of things that needed to be considered throughout the development of the stadium. These included;

- Accessibility - in terms of disability, cost, transport, gender neutral facilities
- Multi-lingual signage
- Free and accessible transport options including late at night
- Safety like good lighting, safe options home, wifi and dedicated charging areas, lockers / bag drop
- Sustainability important - food places
- Encouraging good employers and job opportunities for young people
- Multi - use - sporting and music, 18+ and all ages opportunities, youth specific events

Future Engagement

If this project is to go ahead, CYC would like to make some recommendations:

- The Youth Audit and Christchurch Youth Action Plan is considered throughout the development
- The Council and Project leads are more committed to genuine consultation with the Pasifika community.
- The Council and Project leads commit to ensuring Rangatahi have a voice throughout the project, the Christchurch Youth Council would be happy to support with this.
- The Council ensures that there is a continued feedback loop around decision making, and the reasoning behind this.

Conclusion

We would like to thank you for this opportunity to submit to the Te Kaha Multi Use Arena and would be happy to be contacted to answer any and all questions you have.

Ngā Mihi,

The Christchurch Youth Council Executive Committee