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Letter of the week

Kevin Broughan and Brendan Madley, Hamilton.

We must stop wrecking young lives

The Government says it will legislate for major borrowing to fund road-building, and spread repayments across generations.

This saddles young people with extra future costs when they are already suffering.

Young folk are forced to pay a large part of the costs of tertiary education, are faced with steep

housing costs, and experience high levels of unemployment.

They have poor employment prospects.

These factors complete a picture of gross inter-generational unfairness. Baby boomers, in comparison, enjoyed very generous government support.

Taking vast sums from the

young and redistributing to the not so young, including the rich, is unfair and senseless. It reinforces deep-seated poverty.

We must invest to improve opportunities through increased skills training, strategic industry support, research and development, and strengthening our competitive advantage.