

Submission on publicly notified requirement for designation or alteration of designation

Sections 168A, 169, 181, 189A, 190, and 192(f), Resource Management Act 1991



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To: Chief Executive, Hutt City Council

1. Name of submitter (state full name):

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2. This is a submission on a notice of requirement from (name of requiring authority):

TRANSIT

for a

Designation

or an

Alteration to a Designation

3. Briefly describe the designation or alteration, and the site or place to which the designation applies:

REMOVAL OF PEDESTRIAN REFUGE
AT CORNHILL STREET; REPLACEMENT
WITH MEDIUM BARRIER

4. The specific parts of the notice of requirement that my submission relates to are: (give details)

AS ABOVE

5. My submission is: (include whether you support or oppose the specific parts of the notice of requirement or wish to have them amended; and the reasons for your views)

DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS SUFFICIENT
MITIGATION OF EFFECTS

6. I seek the following recommendation of decision from the Hutt City Council: (give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought).

BETTER MITIGATION - ACCESS PROVIDED
ANOTHER WAY

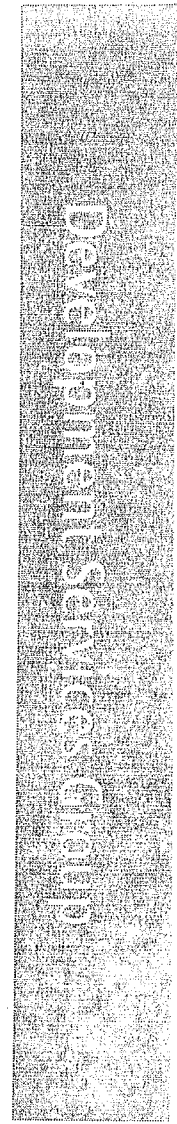
7. I wish do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

8. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

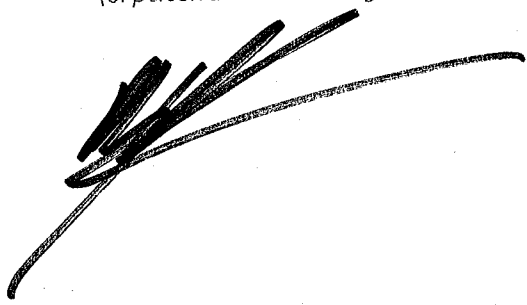
Yes

No

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Signature of submitter:
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)



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Note to submitter:

You must serve a copy of your submission on the person who gave the notice of requirement as soon as reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the Hutt City Council.

Submission to

Publicly Notified Requirement for Designation or Alteration of Designation

Removal of pedestrian refuge at Cornish street

State Highway 2 Dowse to Petone Upgrade

Prepared by

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Cycle Aware Wellington

Thank you for an opportunity to make a submission on the Cycling Strategy. Hutt Cycle Aware is a new group that started in September made up of cyclists from a range of backgrounds and interests to advocate an improvement to cycling facilities in the Hutt.

CAW is the cycling advocacy group for the Wellington region, with a particular focus on the bicycle as a means of transport and recreation. We have representatives on the Wellington Regional Cycle forum and Wellington Regional Land Transport committee. We have worked with Hutt City on a number of events in the past, such as Road Safety Week displays and campaigns, Bike to Work Days, Safe Cycling training in schools, and Dr Bike Cycle Safety Checks.

Comments on Notice of Requirement for the Alteration to an Existing Designation

The crossing across State Highway 2 into Cornish Street is at present a dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and cars alike. From personal experience of members accessing Cornish Street and hence the Belmont Regional Park by this route is avoided and other routes sort.

The construction of the Dowse to Petone will produce a higher speed motorway environment that will be an even more unsafe and inaccessible environment for cyclists and pedestrians.

CAW therefore agrees that the previously proposed pedestrian refuge is not safe and should be deleted. We do however strongly object to the removal of this refuge without any mitigation measures being taken to provide access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Its is not only is the removal of the refuge but also but the installation of a concrete medium barrier that creates a motorway environment only suitable for motor vehicles and therefore excluding all others principally cyclists and pedestrians. This motorway environment therefore becomes a barrier creating a division between Petone and the other flat areas of the Hutt and the Western Hutt Hills. This also creates a division in the historical links between Petone and Korokoro.

Access to Cornish Street provides important access to the Belmont Regional Park. It is the best access in the Hutt for people arriving on foot or by bike. It is close Petone Railway Station that can deliver people by public transport. It is one of the few access points that are not at the top of the hill.

The diagram on the next page taken from is from Transit's Dowse to Petone Interchange website seems to highlight the disconnection in the pedestrian and hence cycling links from one site to the other of SH2.

A need was recognised with the original consent to provide access but only a token solution given. We agree that this token measure is dangerous and should be deleted. We do not agree that there has been an adequate attempt to mitigate the effects of this lost of access.

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