

# Living Streets Aotearoa



## Submission from Living Streets Aotearoa – Wellington on TR 70-15 Shared use path Waterloo Quay

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Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

We wish to object to this proposed 'shared path' in its entirety.

We submit

- the assessment of need, and impact on pedestrians for this path is inadequate or completely lacking
- the path was not designed to be shared, and changing a footpath to 'shared path' without any design alterations or to cater to current illegal use is not appropriate
- the broad flat path will encourage speed as the illegal cycling on it demonstrates now
- the connection with the waterfront is poor, and there is no or inadequate signage at the waterfront entrance
- priority for cycle paths should be given to an on-road Waterloo and Aotea Quay facility

Living Streets would like to see better pedestrian provision along this important walk connection to both the cruise ships and office blocks before any other changes are made, that:

- removes the fast 'slip' lane onto the waterfront and makes it a signalised turn
- repositions and narrows the 'blue bridge' pedestrian crossing to the desire line, and provides an equitable share of signalised cross time
- meets the requirements for 'shared zone' signage at the entrance to the waterfront
- narrows the very wide vehicle access to 2 lanes wide at the BNZ parking area
- more clearly delineates the footpath across the vehicle access to the BNZ
- provides better crossing opportunities between the port-side and the railway-side footpaths
- provides way-finding signage

If a 'shared path' is to go ahead it must have

- a proper assessment of effects on pedestrians prior to its approval
- a 10 km hour speed limit
- segregation between pedestrians and vehicles

- properly designed vehicle ramps separate from pedestrian drop down kerbs, and cycle phase for traffic lights
- compliant signage for a shared path
- monitoring and evaluation of its effects

We would like to be heard in support of our submission.

### **About Living Streets**

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand's national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is "More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places".

The objectives of Living Streets Aotearoa are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally-friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners including walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

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