



**Living
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Canterbury**

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To whom it may concern.

Re: Russley Rd (SH1)/ Memorial Ave Intersection Improvements

I write on behalf of Living Streets Canterbury - part of Living Streets Aotearoa, a national organisation aiming to get more people walking more often and acting as an advocacy group for pedestrians in their many forms. We are happy to have our feedback included in the consultation summary report and would like to be informed of future progress and developments on this project.

As a pedestrian advocacy group we agree with your assessment that pedestrians and cyclists are poorly catered for in the current intersection. We appreciate your attention to pedestrian issues. It is important that pedestrian issues continue to be considered in future iterations of the project. Busy roads with no crossing points can be a major issue for pedestrians, particularly at busy times (times when there are also likely to be more pedestrians) and the airport is an important destination for people travelling to and from hotels etc in this area.

Option 3 appears to be the most advantageous from an pedestrian and environmental point of view. The issue of disrupting ground water aquifers and the ongoing maintenance required to manage ground water in Option 2 is of much higher priority than the visual issues associated with Option 3. From our perspective Option 1 is not ideal as utility traffic comes from the city centre and people walking and cycling will mostly be coming from Memorial Avenue. For this reason we want Memorial Avenue to have priority over State Highway 1, in terms of convenience for people walking and cycling.

Yours faithfully,

Chrys Horn

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