

# Living Streets Aotearoa



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## Submission to Waka Kotahi on He Tohu Tuarahi Māori Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices (Bilingual Signs) Amendment 2023

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Living Streets Aotearoa welcomes the introduction of bilingual signs for Aotearoa New Zealand. This is a step towards developing a uniquely local transport system, and we feel sure this will enhance people's travel along our road networks.

We support maintaining an adequate contrast for all road signage so signs remain accessible to all road users across all the 'families' of signs. We also support the use of best practice sign making to ensure that signs are clearly legible and readily comprehensible.

### **Annex 2 Public and active transport signs**

We note there are no signs proposed for 'footpath' or 'pedestrian' and there should be. A 'pedestrian only' and 'footpath' sign are required.

### **Annex 3 Walking and cycling wayfinding signs**

We note there are no signs proposed for walk wayfinding. We would welcome the addition of bilingual signs for walking wayfinding and other directions.

A phrase is required for footpath, pedestrian route, pedestrian only and steps.

One omission is the "No Exit" sign where there is in fact a walk route at the end of a cul de sac or similar roadway. The no exit refers to vehicle users only. Bilingual signage that supports a pedestrian route in these cases would be welcome.

### **Hazard signs – Temporary warning signs**

A hazard sign for pedestrians is provided.

### **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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