

Living Streets Aotearoa



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Submission from Living Streets Aotearoa to Porirua City Council on Raiha St safer speed

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Living Streets Aotearoa supports the change in speed limit from 70km/h to 50km/h over a 1.1km section (or a 12 minute walk) of Raiha St as this will improve safety for pedestrians and provides a consistent environment for drivers.

This area is experiencing an increase in traffic due to developments at Kenepuru landing and Transmission Gully. This road services a number of potentially high pedestrian generators include access to
Rangituhi Colonial Knob park
Kenepuru Hospital
Te Rito nursery
Primary school

It is important for climate action and urban development to support options other than motorvehicle travel by providing an improved transport network with more pleasant footpaths and safe pedestrian crossings. This safer speed proposal provides one important step towards achieving this goal.

We would recommend further traffic calming measures are undertaken along this very wide road that looks like it can be travelled at speed, such as kerb buildouts or crossing islands to assist pedestrians. Indicating a different speed environment to drivers would be useful and be better value for money as the other options suggested.

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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