

# Living Streets Aotearoa



## Submission from Living Streets Aotearoa to Wellington City Council on Traffic Resolutions TR 69 - 102-18

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### Submission

Living Streets Aotearoa thanks the committee for this opportunity to submit on provision of Electric Vehicle chargers at certain locations around Wellington.

We support the provision of EV chargers for electric vehicle users provided it is done well. Use of EVs will reduce but not eliminate vehicle emissions while having no effect on vehicle congestion. Doing EV charging well means:

- 1 There will be a network established of charging sites distributed sensibly around our city so that they are available in many suburbs, and not just where they are requested.
- 2 Take the opportunity to make a publicly available charging service for more than just vehicle users but also others who need to charge electronic devices, such as phones or laptops. Not everyone has a vehicle so please don't just subsidise private vehicle users. We note there will be a fee for use of this service. A small seat could be incorporated into the design to make this a really useful community resource.

This would send a clear message that charging spots are multiuse sites and vehicle charging is just one option for this publicly provided service.

- 3 EV chargers are an accessory for vehicle users and should be located in the vehicle space, this means on the roadway and not on the footpath. Footpath space is required for pedestrians and there is no footpath that is so wide that it should be repurposed for a vehicle accessory. The health and safety of pedestrians should be assured on the footpath. One of our members has already fallen over a charging cable as she could not see it and was not expecting it. There are

many instances already overseas of issues with EV chargers causing barriers to pedestrians. Similarly there are examples of where it has been done well.

We note only some areas have resident parking schemes.

Living Streets Aotearoa want to see Wellington doing this well.

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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