

Good afternoon

I hope you are all well and doing a lot of walking.

Its the General Election in a few weeks and we have asked the Parties what they will do to make life better for Pedestrians. See the answers [on our 2014 Election webpage](#)

There is one more month to register for your Early Bird discount for our Walking and Cycling conference in Nelson this 29-31 October. [Buy you ticket today.](#)



	EARLY BIRD FEES	STANDARD FEES	
	Prior to 15 Sep 2014	From 15 Sep 2014	
	Incl. GST	Incl. GST	
Conference Registration	\$795.00	\$914.25	
Student Registration*	\$385.00	N/A	
Advocate Registration*	\$385.00	N/A	

One of the key note speakers is Daniel Sauter who works in Zurich and specializes in measuring walking. Celia Wade-Brown ,also a key note speaker, and I meet Daniel in Zurich at Walk21 in 2005. He has recently been working on the [European COST Action 358 on Pedestrian Quality Needs documents](#) which identifies what people need for their safe and agreeable mobility in public space and also with the UN on a standard for measuring walking. As [Jan Gehl](#) says we only value what we measure.

Auckland Transport has recently surveyed walkers and cyclists and [the report here](#)

[shows](#) that roughly one-third of the general public are walking more often compared to a year ago. Health & exercise are the key motivators for those who are walking more. Time & motivation are the key barriers. 52% of those in Primed or Preparation categories would not walk more than 9 minutes to/from public transport – emphasising the need for accessible bus / train / ferry points.

Living Streets Aotearoa has submitted on the draft 2015 Government Policy Statement on Transport [which is on our website](#).

We have also put up a document on what we want to see for [pedestrians around intersections](#).

Shared Space was promoted by [Hans Monderman](#) the Dutch road traffic engineer who was also at that Walk21 conference in Zurich. It has been used in Auckland and works well when there is a lot on people using it.

Shared Paths on the other hand usually mean footpaths are being rebranded. We must remember that this may be a quick win for cyclist safety but it also reduces the level of service for pedestrians. Living Streets would like to see separated paths retained for pedestrian as it is the different speeds of the modes that are the threat to us walking.