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## 1. Submission on Road Traffic Reduction Bill

We welcome the opportunity to comment on this bill and would like to appear before select committee members with an oral submission. We believe its general intention is sound but consider that its contents would be best put into the Land Transport Management Bill, which we have also submitted on. We include further comments on the importance of walking to traffic reduction in that submission,- points we will reiterate in any oral submission.

## 2. General comment on scope and objectives of Road Traffic Reduction Bill

- 2.1. Agree with reasons for traffic reduction and setting targets – including national, regional and local.
- 2.2. Agree with funding programmes which focus on achieving this reduction within Transfund and other authorities budgets.
- 2.3. Suggest these issues be incorporated in the LTMB and in Cities for Climate Protection rather than in separate legislation.
- 2.4. Necessary to address this issue seriously since the concept of induced traffic due to roading improvements is still not well understood or accepted in NZ.
- 2.5. Note the existence of the Road Traffic Reduction Act 1998 in the UK and the reports it has generated specifically looking at volume of traffic and the encouragement to local authorities such as Nottingham to improve their demand management.

