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## **Submission on the draft Trading in Public Places Policy**

### **Introducing Living Streets Aotearoa**

Living Streets Aotearoa (LSA) is a group with the following objectives:

- 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 e.g. walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety.
- To advocate for greater representation of walker and pedestrian concerns in urban and regional land use and transport planning and, as appropriate, at a national level.

For more information, please see: <http://www.livingstreets.org.nz/index.html>

LSA would like to make an oral submission to Councillors. Please contact Liz Thomas (ph 472 8280 [liz.thomas@livingstreets.org.nz](mailto:liz.thomas@livingstreets.org.nz) )

## **Submission**

Living Streets Aotearoa, Wellington Branch, supports option 2, which will provide an appropriate balance between encouraging activities which will enhance public spaces, and ensuring that only appropriate activities are permitted.

Many of the activities already permitted in areas such as the waterfront show the benefits of appropriate trading activities. This includes the hiring of recreational equipment, sale of food, and the Sunday fruit and vege market. Living Streets Aotearoa strongly supports actions which will improve the attractiveness and safety of public spaces in our cities, and encourage people to use these spaces.

We support the proposals for an initial emphasis on locally produced goods for trading stalls. These will fit with the need to foster a sense of local identity for the city.

As with any policy, effective implementation and enforcement will be essential.