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New Zealand Equestrian Advocacy Group

Attention: Julia McLean

Tēnā koe Julia

Support for horse riders to be recognised as Vulnerable Road Users

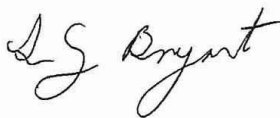
I am writing to behalf of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee to give our full support for horse riders to be formally recognised as Vulnerable Road Users in New Zealand transport legislation.

Recognition will ensure the consideration of equestrians in decision making and allow for formal safety messaging and initiatives to help keep them safe on New Zealand's roads.

Nelson / Tasman is a large area home to a significant equestrian community, particularly in our smaller settlements and vast rural areas. The length of roads we manage is like driving from Nelson to Invercargill and back again. These are used every day by horse riders, and they are as vulnerable as people walking and cycling on these roads, and in many cases more so.

We support your initiative and its impact on the wider equestrian community.

Ngā mihi nui



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