

By email

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Tēnā Koe Julia

Support for improving safety for horse riders in New Zealand

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the equestrian community, and for attending our recent meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, to raise the issue of safety for horse riders.

The Committee includes representatives from our eight local councils, Greater Wellington Regional Council and NZTA Waka Kotahi who have heard your message and will now have an opportunity to consider it in relation to their different roles and responsibilities.

The safety of all road users (including people riding horses) within the region is an important issue for the Committee. We recognise that horse riders are vulnerable when using our roads and support measures to improve their safety.

We support your call for government to consider better provision for horse rider safety within relevant legislation and as part of national road safety strategies and documents. We will also encourage government to engage with the equestrian community to better understand the issues and develop appropriate nationally consistent safety direction and initiatives.

Ngā mihi



Cr Adrienne Staples

Chair, Regional Transport Committee
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