

Form 21 – Submission on a Notice of Requirement from the New Zealand Transport Agency for a designation to accommodate a new State Highway north of the Manawatu Gorge.

TO: PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Note: This process is being administered by Palmerston North City Council on behalf of all three Territorial Authorities affected by the Notice of Requirement (Palmerston North City Council, Manawatu District Council and Tararua District Council).

IMPORTANT

- Please read all instructions carefully.
- Download this editable form to your computer, type your submission and return by email.
- Please note under the Privacy Act 1993 all information in your submission, including your personal information will be publicly available.
- This submission must be received by **4pm Thursday 13 December 2018**.

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Signature:

Date: 13/12/18

(Signature of the person making the submission or the person authorised to sign on their behalf. A signature is not required if you are making a submission by electronic means).

1. The specific parts of the Notice of Requirement my submission relates to are:

Creating a separate, yet, connected recreational corridor along with the proposed route to include recreational users such as cyclists, walkers, dog walkers, horse riders, and any other form of non-motorised form of transportation.

2. My submission is:

(Comment whether you support, oppose, or a neutral regarding the specific parts of the Notice of Requirement or wish to have them amended and the reasons for your view).

I am excited about the opportunity to have a separate, safe corridor for non-motorised recreational users from Ashhurst to Woodville, connecting with the current Manawatu river walkway from Raukawa road to Ashhurst. It is **imperative** NZTA include the tourist/recreational user in this new development as it will never be cheaper to do it than right now in the planning stages. Experience shows us tacking a recreational walkway on to an existing roadway could be up to double the cost, a waste of taxpayer's money. When building Peka Peka to Otaki (PP20)

which is a design build, the CBW was not part of the original scope, as the Agency were going to use the old road as the CBW, as part of the revocation of the old State Highway back to a local road. There was a public outcry that this next stage was a poor cousin for M2PP, and NZTA have subsequently agreed to build a separate CWB from Peka Peka to Otaki.

Adding this in at a late stage has caused considerable additional cost and programme delays, as the design had to be backed up and redone.

M2PP would have been \$10m plus. PP2O will track in excess of \$15m, fully 50+% more. It needs to be done up front, and to a good standard to future proof. It is never cheaper than incorporating it in the original scope.

The Manawatu Gorge is unique in the east-west crossing of the main divide, linking 2 regions and the lwi aspect as the original crossing point. It is an excellent opportunity to add a significant recreational and tourist asset. I for one would be a heavy user taking guests, both friends and tourists for walks and horse rides to and from Woodville. Over the last 5 years I have had up to 500 folk at my place looking at this region; and I am only 1 local. That is not a small number and the demand to view this unique area is developing year on year with the governmental expansion of our tourism industry, the largest income earner for our country, bar none.

Therefore, it must form part of the National shared path from North to South.

The Wind Farm aspect is another element which attracts visitors and tourists from all over the world. There are business opportunities for guided cycle groups, walking groups, horse riding groups much like the Rail Trail in Otago and wine tours in Wairarapa.

I personally have led treks with 35 – 40 horses up and over the saddle from Ashhurst through private land. That has come to a stop for two main reasons:

1. State Highway 3 has prevented access to the Pohangina River and the hills beyond.
2. Private landowners are a little more cautious due to the WorkSafe implications of having recreators on their land.

It is no exaggeration to say the horse riders I have taken over there (a conservative minimum of 20 times in 15 years) have all loved the experience and taken away fabulous memories of our region. The views from up where the road is proposed is spectacular. You cannot ignore including this asset to the new section of State Highway 3.

It will become an iconic part of the our region.



The beginning of our Christmas Trek from Ashhurst, through the Pohangina River and up onto the Saddle. Many of these folk are from all around our region including Dannevirke, Woodville and surrounds. They always rave about this trip. We are not running it this year simply because we have no access to the River or Windfarm due to SH3.

Te Ahu a Tūranga

Manawatū Tararua Highway



This is a view from approximately where the new SH3 road will go. Imagine what tourists would think of our region if they could SAFELY see this from a bicycle seat, hikers rest area or a horse's saddle. We NEED a safe corridor.

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This is a resource which will be well used. The Pohangina River.

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Is this amazing or what? The lady in red is from France, another from England and others were local. The income to this region from the visitors JUST to my place is estimated to be between \$200 - \$400 per horse. Multiply that by the numbers we have talked about and it is clearly significant.

3. I seek the following recommendation or decision from the Territorial Authorities:

(Give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought).

1. Please include a separate, safe recreational path alongside the new highway connecting Woodville with Ashhurst and therefore, the Manawatu River walkway through to Raukawa Road and ultimately, Palmerston North.
2. Please build this pathway concurrently with the construction of the new section of SH3.

4. Do you wish to be heard at a hearing in support of your submission?

Please type **Yes** or **No** below:
Yes

5. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Please type **Yes** or **No** below:
Yes

6A. I am a 'trade competitor' for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Please type **Yes** or **No** below:
No

6B. I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- adversely effects the environment; and
- does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

If Yes, go to 6B;

If Yes, comment below

PLEASE SEND YOUR SUBMISSION BY:

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YOU MUST SERVE A COPY OF YOUR SUBMISSION ON THE NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY BY:

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Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the Territorial Authorities are satisfied that at least one of the following applies to your submission (or part of your submission):

- *it is frivolous or vexatious*
- *it discloses no reasonable or relevant case*
- *it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further*
- *it contains offensive language*
- *it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter*