

O2NL OIA's

**Official Correspondence** <official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz>

To:shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz

Wed, 21 Sept 2022 at 8:50 am

Kia ora Shelly

Please find attached the response to your request of 12 August 2022 for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

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**From:** Official Correspondence

**Sent:** Thursday, 25 August 2022 10:23 AM

**To:** [shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz)

**Cc:** Raewyn Pudsey <[Raewyn.Pudsey@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Raewyn.Pudsey@nzta.govt.nz)>; Lonnie Dalzell <[Lonnie.Dalzell@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Lonnie.Dalzell@nzta.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** OIA-10853 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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## CWB on the O2NL<sup>6</sup>

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**Otaki to Levin Info** <infoo2l@nzta.govt.nz>

To:michele warwick

Thu, 7 May 2020 at 12:49 pm

Thank you for your email Michelle,

I understand you would like to advocate for the bridleway to be extended to north of Levin.

Could you share an appropriate daytime contact number with me please?

Nga Mihi Regards,

**Barbara Becker** / Senior Advisor, Engagement and Communications  
**Engagement and Partnerships**

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To:shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz

Mon, 9 Nov 2020 at 12:28 pm

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Regards

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**From:** michele warwick <[shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 November 2020 12:58 PM  
**To:** Barbara Becker <[Barbara.Becker@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Barbara.Becker@nzta.govt.nz)>; Rick Schimpf <[schimpf@farmside.co.nz](mailto:schimpf@farmside.co.nz)>  
**Cc:** Ruth Halliday <[ruthterry2@outlook.com](mailto:ruthterry2@outlook.com)>; Jo Mason <[cr.jo.mason@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:cr.jo.mason@horowhenua.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** O2NL Bridleway

Attention Rob Napier - Project Manager O2NL

Goodmorning Barbara and Rob, Firstly sorry it has taken so long for me to get back to you since we last met.

At that meeting you informed Kapiti Equestrian Advocacy Group (KEAG) and Horowhenua Equestrian Advocacy group (HEAG) that NZTA had made the decision tha there would be no bridleway on the O2NL, a decision that we as Equestrians across both Kapiti , Horowhenua and beyond are very unhappy with.

It has taken a bit of time to gather some letters of support from our KCDC staff and Kapiti Council Cycleway Walkway Bridleway committee as everyone, at this time, especially in councils are very busy with Long term plan prepartations.

Attached is a letter from our KEAG committee on the reasons why you should include a Bridleway, also letters of support from our Kapiti Coast District council Program Manager CWB Stu Kilmister, and the Chair of KCDC's CWB advisory committee Bruce Henderson.

I will also forward photos of Equestrians using the Multiuse Expressway path on the M2PP, something that has proven most successful.

As you will see in our letter, this is also a formal request to meet with Ministers in charge and CEO of NZTA Nicole Rosie, and we would require that meeting sooner rather than later as we understand planning is progressing, and as is stated in our letter, it is more costly to change plans than to put things right first.

Before meeting with Ministers and CEO Nicole Rosie we have these questions for them,

- 1) Were you aware of the exclusion of a Bridleway on the O2NL
- 2) Why would you not put in this vital infrastructure to support the rural communities' in Horowhenua?
- 3) How does the exclusion of a Bridleway in this significant project enhance your climate change committments, and improve the Health, connectivity, safety and Economic outcomes for the Horowhenua district?

As you can see from the photos below, we can co-exist very nicely with cyclists,. Looking through the Chestnut horses ears is the grass we require to enable a path to become Multiuse, and we can safety use bridges and forde rivers.

We look forward to meeting with you all soon

Cheers Shelly Warwick  
Chair - KEAG

Re: O2NL Bridleway3  
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**Jo Mason** <cr.jo.mason@horowhenua.govt.nz>

To:michele warwick

Cc:Rick Schimpf,Ruth Halliday

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Thu, 26 Nov 2020 at 1:05 pm

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Hi Michele,

Just acknowledging your email.

as a council we are not heavily engaged in the O2NL work right now but I have flagged with Daniel Haigh your aspirations. Your letter and advocacy directly to the Minister is an important part of the work you are doing.

Let's keep in touch.

Regards

Jo

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**Barbara Becker** <barbara.becker@nzta.govt.nz>

To:Rick Schimpf,michele warwick

Thu, 21 Jan 2021 at 4:10 pm

Hello Rick and happy New Year,

Thank you for your patience with me, I was exhausted by the end of the year.

A total of 55 comments about horses or bridleways were received.

We will take another look at the conclusion in light of your formal request and ensure that community feedback about a multi-use path is reflected appropriately.

I did have a good break thank you, enjoying the outdoors at Kaimanawa Forest Park, Lake Taupo and Mangamahu.

Did you and your family have a good break too?

Nga mihi,

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To:barbara.becker@nzta.govt.nz,Barbara Becker,Rick Schimpf

Thu, 21 Jan 2021 at 5:13 pm

Hi Barbara and Rick, can you also tell us how many was your total in feedback please so we can gauge the percentage of feedback on a Bridleway

Cheers shelly

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**michele warwick** <shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz>

To: Ombudsman Parliament Info

Bcc: Rick Schimpf, shelly warwick, Arthur Yeo

Tue, 23 Mar 2021 at 2:37 pm

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We don't believe we have time to hang around waiting as request after request gets dragged out.

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13 April 2023 REF: 44 NZEAN Via email: [shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz)

Dear Shelly Ōtaki to North of Levin Project – RMA Submission Thank you for your submission, made on behalf of the NZ Equestrian Advocacy Network (NZEAN) on the Ōtaki to North of Levin Highway Project (the Project) in respect of the current Resource Management Act (RMA) processes. We appreciate you taking the time to input into this formal submission process. NZEAN’s submission raises concerns that the shared use path (SUP), which is included in the Project, does not fully realise benefits because equestrian facilities are not provided. NZEAN is of the view that the bridle path facilities alongside the Kāpiti expressway should be extended north. The submission gives a number of reasons for this submission including: • reducing emissions by reducing the transport of horses on floats; • safety of vulnerable users; • equality of access, with it being discriminatory to exclude equestrian uses; • economic, health, wellbeing and recreational benefits (including as expressed by Te Hapori Hōiho – National Māori Horse Association Aotearoa Trust); • no assessment has been made to determine if cost is a barrier; and • future proofing infrastructure. The Project team, with input from independent technical specialists, has carefully considered the points raised in NZEAN’s submission and responds below. Kāpiti Expressway and bridlepath facilities We acknowledge that providing for equestrian uses on the SUP would have benefits, including economic, health and safety benefits now and in the future. However, we are not aware of any adverse effect that the Ō2NL Project may have on any equestrian facilities including existing bridle paths or trails, and the way in which horses are currently transported in the area, that would necessitate such adverse effects being managed through an RMA process. Further, over the past 20 years there have been no recorded traffic crashes on the part of the state highway between Ōtaki and north of Levin that have involved horses or equestrian users, that is aside from one crash that involved an empty horse float. Your submission notes that horse riders were accommodated on the SUP that was provided as part of new state highway development through Kāpiti (namely through the Mackays to Peka Peka and the Peka Peka to Ōtaki projects). Both of these projects cut across horse riding facilities and bridleways, including those, for example, associated with Kāpiti Pony Club. In these circumstances, it was therefore appropriate to provide new facilities to reconnect severed connections and to re-establish networks. This approach was consistent with Kāpiti Coast District Council’s ‘Cycle, Walkways and Bridleways Strategy’ that provides a strategy for the ongoing development of a bridlepath network in Kāpiti including completing gaps in the network. As such, this Project does not have the same impact as the Kāpiti expressway (the Mackays to Peka Peka and Peka Peka to Ōtaki projects) and therefore does not necessitate the same response. You have suggested that the provision of horse riding facilities has been excluded on the basis of costs. As explained above, the Project does not have an impact on horse riding facilities and there are no recorded safety concerns. Accordingly, there is currently no basis for the Project to include horse riding facilities in the scope of



the proposed work. Next steps Thanks again for your submission on behalf of NZEAN. We would be happy to meet with you and/or representatives of NZEAN to discuss the matters raised further. Before you provided the submission, you may have been in touch with David Forrest, the independent 'Friend of Submitter' appointed by the Councils to support submitters. This free service is still available if you have further questions about the process, including in relation to making a joint submission with other submitters. You can contact David by emailing FriendOfSubmitter@horizons.govt.nz or phone 021 2477 366. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi, Lonnie Dalzell Project Director – Ōtaki to North of Levin On behalf of the Ō2NL Project Team.

- **michele warwick** <shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz>
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To: Sarah Quigan

Cc: Ruth Halliday

Wed, 15 Dec 2021 at 8:04 pm

Hi there Sarah,

In following up to your letter dated 1st december 2021 Ref # 548572, I do not regard our case over yet due to a couple of points

1) A letter from Waka Kotahi dated 19th Nov NZTA states that the "safety plan and clarification of dismounted riders crossing Raumati bridge with their horses" was attached, however the attached document was an urban design form from Kapiti Coast District council, not a safety plan.

We are still requesting the document setting out the relative safety merits of horses using the bridge vs using Matai road and having to cross Raumati road. We wish to know what data was used to enable NZTA to come to the current decision.

There was no clarification on whether a dismounted rider was in fact a pedestrian, we would like an answer to this also.

2) Our question on the cost of the Bridleway on the O2NL

Waka Kotahi has continually based the refusal to provide a bridleway on the Otaki to North Levin (O2NL), and provide a full shared multiuse path on their costing of \$250K per km, which is not budgeted for in the cost of the project. In the reply from you, Waka Kotahi has stated under section 18(e) that the document requested, which is the costing, does not

exist. That means their reply's to us have been based on a mistruth. How were they able to quote a cost of works when no documentation exists?

We also asked if the 250k per KM was only for the bridleway or was it the complete path for Cyclists Walkers and horses on the PP2O. We have not had clarification on this. Waka Kotahi has said there is "NO funding for a Bridleway" but we have not asked for a separated Bridleway. We have continually asked Waka Kotahi to use the grass on the side of the path as the Bridleway, 1 metre added and part of the planting plan as it has been on both the M2PP and the PP2O will not incur extra cost. Or alternatively moving the 1/2 meter grass strip on either side to one side which is 1 meter of grass and is adequate. We want clarification on exactly what is included in the 250K per km that NZTA has stated it will cost, and want the exact costings upon which they have based this figure. If the document of costs does not exist then how can they quote it?

Therefore we would like the office of the Ombudsman to continue to act on our behalf

Thank you

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**Sarah Quigan** <sarah.quigan@ombudsman.parliament.nz>

To:michele warwick

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Kia ora Shelly

Thank you for your comments last week. We are considering the points you have raised, and we will write to you again in the new year. Please note I am on annual leave from the end of today until 17 January 2022.

Nāku noa, nā  
Sarah

## Sarah Quigan

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**Sent:** Thursday, 25 August 2022 10:23 AM

**To:** [shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz)

**Cc:** Raewyn Pudsey <[Raewyn.Pudsey@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Raewyn.Pudsey@nzta.govt.nz)>; Lonnie Dalzell <[Lonnie.Dalzell@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Lonnie.Dalzell@nzta.govt.nz)>

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**michele warwick** <shellybeannz@yahoo.co.nz>

To: Lonnie Dalzell

Fri, 19 Aug 2022 at 11:10 am

Great, thanks Lonnie,

I would appreciate catching up again with regard to our request for proper bridleway costing being done and safety research

If you are not the person to ask for this can you let me know who I should request this from

Cheers

Shelly Warwick

NZEAN

ph 021949214