



Submission on Nelson City Council's Safety on Bay View Road

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Introduction

1. Nelson Marlborough Health (Nelson Marlborough District Health Board) (NMH) is a key organisation involved in the health and wellbeing of the people within Te Tau Ihu. NMH appreciates the opportunity to comment from a public health perspective on the Nelson City Council's Safety on Bay View Road.
2. NMH makes this submission in recognition of its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956.
3. This submission sets out particular matters of interest and concern to NMH including around pedestrian and cycle safety.

General Comments

4. NMH wishes to highlight the importance of making roads safer and more user-friendly for all road users. Slower speeds will improve accessibility and amenity of these areas.
5. NMH supports the decreasing the speed limit to 30 k/m. When vehicles move at or below 40 km/h, fewer potential conflicts take place at lower speeds, dramatically increasing the chances of survival in the case of a crash¹. The average 2018 social cost is estimated at \$5.07 million per fatal crash, \$525,600 per serious crash, \$29,900 per minor crash, this includes estimated cost of loss of life and life quality, loss of output, medical cost, property damage costs and legal and court costs incurred.²
6. Speed also has adverse effects on levels of environmental and noise pollution, and the "liveability" of urban areas³. Lower vehicle speeds and volumes lead to reduced noise, vibration and emissions in the environment. Residents in neighbourhoods with good street environments tend to walk and cycle more, take public transport more and drive less than comparable households in other areas⁴ which has environmental impacts.
7. NMH supports improving visibility by trimming vegetation and installing no stopping from 8.00am to 5.00pm.

Conclusion

8. NMH thanks NCC for the opportunity to comment on the Safety on Bay View Road

Yours sincerely



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¹ <https://www.transport.govt.nz/mot-resources/road-safety-resources/roadcrashstatistics/social-cost-of-road-crashes-and-injuries/report-overview/>

² [Ibid](#)

³ <http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/254760/1/WHO-NMH-NVI-17.7-eng.pdf?ua=1>

⁴ <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/userfiles/transport-data/Traffic%20Calming.pdf>