

## Ministry of Transport: Aide Memoire

**To:** Hon Julie Anne Genter, Associate Minister of Transport

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 27 February 2018

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**Subject:** Meeting with Living Streets Aotearoa

**OC Number:** OC05719

### Purpose of this aide memoire

1. To provide you advice for your meeting with Living Streets Aotearoa (LSA) on Wednesday, 28 February 2018 at 10:15am.
2. Attending the meeting from LSA are:
  - a. Andy Smith, President, Auckland coordinator
  - b. Ellen Blake, Tumuaki tuarua (Vice President), Wellington coordinator
  - c. Celia Wade-Brown, Executive Member
3. An official from the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) will also attend the meeting.
4. LSA has five proposals that it would like to discuss with you:
  - a. The Golden Foot Walking Awards
  - b. Law changes that LSA would like to see
  - c. Funding for footpaths
  - d. Walk to school programme
  - e. New projects
5. Suggested speaking points have been attached in an appendix.
6. Peter Mersi, CE of the Ministry, will also be meeting with LSA on Thursday, 1 March 2018.

### Background on Living Streets Aotearoa

7. LSA is the New Zealand organisation for people on foot, promoting walking-friendly communities. It is a nationwide organisation with local branches and affiliates throughout New Zealand.
8. The key activities of LSA include:
  - a. promoting walkable, healthy, safe communities
  - b. developing a nation-wide network of community-based Walking Action Groups and regional Walking Stakeholder Forums

- c. influencing the development and shape of key policy documents by making submissions to central and local government, which identify the needs of pedestrians, and explaining how meeting their needs increases the liveability of our towns and cities
  - d. providing information and advice for the public and for key stakeholder groups on a range of walking issues.
9. According to information provided on its website, LSA has 165 paid members, including 35 organisations. Its eBulletin is received by 3,000 contacts.
  10. The Ministry and the NZ Transport Agency usually meet with LSA, the Cycling Action Network, Cycling NZ, and the Walking Access Commission on a quarterly basis.

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#### Law changes that LSA would like to see

13. LSA would like to see a variety of law changes:
  - a. turning vehicles must give way to all road users, including pedestrians, going straight ahead
  - b. review the exemption for mail motor vehicles on footpaths so that pedestrian amenity is the priority
  - c. increase the fee for vehicles parked on footpaths so that it is higher than other parking penalties
  - d. reduce speed limits and improve ability of local government to use appropriate measures or innovate at different places (e.g. it can be a difficult process to change speed limits, or use Puffin crossings at intersections)
  - e. 30km/h standard in urban areas
  - f. 10km/h (or walking speed) on unformed roads rather than the default 100km/h as currently (e.g. beaches, parks etc.)
  - g. enforcement – red lights, vehicles on footpaths, urban speeding. Consider including the ability of, for instance, parking wardens to ticket moving vehicle infringements on footpaths.

#### *A regulatory package for vulnerable users and pathways*

14. The proposed regulatory package will consider some of the concerns that LSA has raised (points a, b and parts of g above). This package is aimed at improving the safety and accessibility for vulnerable users, including clarifying the use of pathways.
15. The Ministry is currently preparing a briefing for you, asking for your agreement to the scope of this package. Part of the proposed package includes looking at six specific walking and cycling road user rules. One of these is to introduce path crossings at side roads to improve the safety of pedestrians and other path users by giving them precedence over motor vehicles.



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<sup>1</sup> The Disability Action Plan presents priorities set by the Ministerial Committee on Disability Issues for actions that advance implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2001.

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*Law changes that LSA would like to see*

- You could note that the Ministry has work underway, which covers the issues that LSA has raised and that you hope to make announcements about this work soon.
- You could enquire if LSA has any examples of incidents between mail motor vehicles on footpaths and pedestrians.
- You could ask LSA why it believes that the fee for parking on the footpath should be higher than other parking infringements. You could also inquire as to whether any councils have already implemented such policies.
- You may like to ask whether LSA has any examples of issues arising from the 100km speed limit on unformed roads.

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