

This submission asks for a cycle/walk lane on Waikawa Road between Waikawa and Picton.

I have recently bought an E bike and since, made heaps of visits into Picton on this Joyful vehicle.

My opinion is that the track between Waikawa and Picton Marina is ok in places and difficult in others.

The gravel is quite slippery and as a consequence I have fallen off once. No damage done.

There are some areas where the corners are sharp and can't be seen around.

The track is fine for mountain bike people and I used to ride it in this capacity.

I should explain that my bike is a commuter and not a mountain bike.

My aims when I purchased the bike were;

- 1To use the car less as a cost saving

- 1To keep fit

- 1To do my bit for climate change

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So now, confined to Waikawa Road, I can only conclude that it is very scary and the main reasons for this are:

- 1It is a very busy road.

- 1Hot spots. [see photos]

- 1Passing parked cars which entails a wide berth out into the traffic line for fear of car doors opening.

If the footpath on one side of Waikawa Road was extended out and merged with the car parking lane on that side this would be of sufficient width for a walk/bike lane along the length of Waikawa Road. It would be designed in such a way as to be a beautiful asset for Picton, a safe place for biking and walking and so attractive it would be impossible to ignore. There is sufficient parking for cars on one side of Waikawa Rd for residents to use.

Research shows us that investing in cycle lanes and walkways encourages people to drive less and cut carbon emissions.

The University of Otago, Wellington and Victoria studied the impact of new cycling and walking paths built in New Plymouth and Hastings in 2011.

After 3 years there was a reduction of 1.6% in vehicle km's travelled and an associated 1% drop in carbon emissions. If the same level of investment was made nation wide it would reduce the countries carbon dioxide emissions by at least 77,000

tons per year.

When you are facing a CLIMATE CRISIS, as we are now, a road safety crisis, and a health crisis, building safe and attractive cycleways is a no brainer.

Thankyou.