

**Private Plan Change 48 New Plymouth District Council
Wairau Estate Access Proposal**

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My name is Tom Cloke, I have been employed as Executive Officer for the Road Transport Industry Association for almost 30yrs. During that time, I have had built up an extensive knowledge of the Heavy Transport Fleet, and of the characteristic of a heavy vehicle travelling on our roadways, tracking curves, acceleration and de-acceleration, braking and cornering, load capabilities.

As noted in our earlier submission, our Industry has strongly opposed the proposal of a Round-about to be situated at SH45/Wairau, for safety reason already explained, and to reiterate, having a heavy vehicle stopping on an in-cline (Hill) is simply not an acceptable or safe practice, plus the environment effects this practice would cause.

We fully support the concept of constructing a new entrance to the proposed Estate further to the west on SH45 (toward Okato). The new entrance will enhance safety throughout the area, that would have huge safety benefits to the existing intersection at Wairua Road. A speed drop throughout the area is also fully supported by our Industry.

I personally travel through the Wairau intersection often, owning a property in the area. One simply puts one's life in one hand's, as this intersection is very unsafe, mainly due to the speeds travelled along SH45 form the West entering Oakura. The new entrance to the West would have a natural speed limiting effect lowing the speed. This would enhance the safety of all users, even those on foot, abreast horses, cyclist etc.

Our hope is the commissioner give consent to the new west entrance, as our Industry and myself give full support to the Wairau Estate development.

Thank you

Tom Cloke