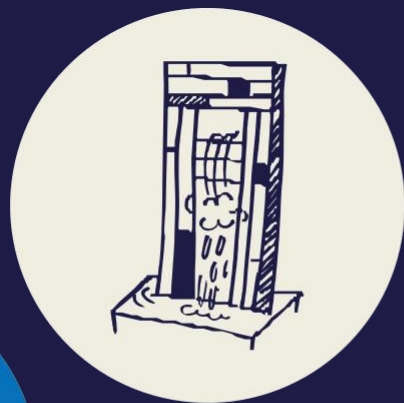


# HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION

## Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill

Parliament's Justice Committee



6 June 2023



**Hamilton  
City Council**  
Te kaunihera o Kirikiriroa

# Improving the Wellbeing of Hamiltonians

Hamilton City Council is focused on improving the wellbeing of Hamiltonians through delivering to our five priorities of shaping:

- **A city that's easy to live in**
- **A city where our people thrive**
- **A central city where our people love to be**
- **A fun city with lots to do**
- **A green city**

The topic of this submission is aligned to the priority '**A city that's easy to live in**'.

## Council Approval and Reference

This submission was approved by the Chair of Hamilton City Council's Infrastructure and Transport Committee on 6 June 2023.

Hamilton City Council Reference D-4743562 - Submission # 736.

## Key Messages

1. Hamilton City Council is supportive of the provisions in the **Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill**.
2. We are particularly supportive of ensuring that point-to-point safety cameras can be used as an enforcement tool for speeding offences, particularly as such cameras are internationally recognised as an effective tool for addressing inappropriate speed on the network.
3. Hamilton City Council has advocated the use of point-to-point safety cameras in previous submissions to both the Ministry of Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

## Introduction

4. Hamilton City Council welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the **Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill** (the Bill).
5. The Bill's purpose is to respond to unsafe behaviour on New Zealand's roads. The Bill aims to enable the New Zealand Police and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to detect inappropriate behaviour on the road and carry out enforcement activities.
6. Specifically, we are supportive of:
  - a. Increasing the period that a vehicle can be impounded for if a driver fails to stop and remain stopped.
  - b. Enabling the Police to seize and impound a vehicle if a driver or registered person fails to give information about a fleeing driver offence (and impounding the vehicle is necessary to prevent a threat to road safety).
  - c. Increasing the period of licence disqualification after a second conviction for an offence of failing to stop or remaining stopped, and creating a new sentencing option for the courts to order that a vehicle be forfeited on conviction for failing to stop or to remain stopped.
  - d. Providing for the electronic service of notices.
  - e. Ensuring that point-to-point safety cameras can be used as an enforcement tool for speeding offences.
  - f. Providing for the automated issuing of certain infringement notices.

## Point-to-Point Safety Cameras

7. We are particularly supportive of ensuring that point-to-point safety cameras can be used as an enforcement tool for speeding offences. Inappropriate speed is a significant contributor to death and serious injuries on New Zealand roads, and point-to-point (average speed) safety cameras are internationally recognised as an effective tool for addressing inappropriate speed on the network.
8. Hamilton City Council's 6 July 2022 submission to the **Regulatory Systems (Transport) Amendment Bill – Land Proposals (May 2022 Consultation Document)** ([refer here](#)) included the following commentary supporting point-to-point camera offences:
  - *"We agree with the changes to support enforcement of point-to-point camera offences. With the increasing use of 110km/h speed limits on expressways, alongside with the increasing use of central wire rope barriers, it makes this type of enforcement critical to achieving our Road to Zero targets".*
9. Hamilton City Council's 23 November 2021 submission to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's **Proposal to Raise the Speed Limit on 64km of the Waikato Expressway to 110km/h** ([refer here](#)) noted the following key points in regard to use of point-to-point cameras:

- *“Hamilton City Council is in support of the proposed 110km/h on the Waikato Expressway section of State Highway One on the basis that a safe systems approach has been undertaken to ensure that the appropriate infrastructure is in place for this higher speed limit to be considered a Safe and Appropriate Speed.*
- *We would however, request that urgency be provided to ensuring that appropriate mechanisms/legislative changes are progressed to enable more appropriate speed enforcement such as point-to-point cameras to be operational on the section of proposed 110km/h speed limit.*
- *Some extreme speeds have been reported on the Cambridge section and while the infrastructure such as central wire ropes is very effective at preventing head on crashes, it does also mean that effective enforcement on this road is very hard for the New Zealand Police to complete safely”.*

## Further Information and Hearings

10. Should the Parliament’s Justice Committee require clarification of the submission from Hamilton City Council, or additional information, please contact **Glenn Bunting** (Urban Transport Policy and Planning Manager - City Transportation) on **021 962 829**, email [glenn.bunting@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:glenn.bunting@hcc.govt.nz) in the first instance.
11. Hamilton City Council representatives **do not wish to speak** at the Justice Committee’s hearings in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully



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