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Ngapipi Bridge widening project

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 16 November outlining plans for the Ngapipi Bridge widening. In general, we like the new plans and support the approach you are taking.

We do have concerns over one aspect, however. The proposed southern footbridge is only required so that a separated cycleway can be accommodated on the south side of the road. We fail to understand the purpose of this cycleway, however. It will simply encourage cyclists approaching from the east, or more particularly from the future Glen Innes path, to continue riding on the south side of the road, across the bridge, and then ... nothing! The cycle way ends, cyclists are dumped back onto the road with no way to cross over to the new cycleway on the northern side, traffic lanes will be blocked and cyclists will be at risk.

Surely the purpose of the northern side bi-directional cycleway is to get as many cyclists out of the traffic lanes onto a safer separated path as possible. The road lane widths have been reduced to what many would say is less than adequate in order to accommodate the new cycleway, and yet here you are providing a "bridge to nowhere" which would direct cyclists into those narrow lanes and away from that new path.

We fail to understand the logic behind this.

We therefore propose you consider deleting the southern footbridge from the plan, and design the crossing from Ngapipi to the northern side of Tamaki Drive to encourage cyclists to cross there and use the new bi-directional cycleway on the northern side.

Yours sincerely

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