



Bike Waikato Submission to Second Emissions Reduction Plan

Kia ora Ministry for the Environment

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Second Emissions Reduction Plan.

We are Bike Waikato, a local organisation based in the Waikato that aims to get more people biking, safely.

We support accelerating public transportation investment to address the climate crisis. However, there is no mention of investment in active transportation (i.e., bicycles and their associated infrastructure – bike lanes, bicycle traffic lights, bike-to-school schemes, electric bicycle charging stations, and so forth), which we believe is an oversight.

The Plan should be amended to include investment in active transportation because the emissions from production and operation of electric bicycles and push bicycles are substantially lower than even electric cars.

Such investment is likely to have a relatively large impact as most New Zealanders have reported that they would ride a bike for everyday purposes if they felt safe doing so.

Enabling active transportation in cities is a critical element of the transition to a sustainable transportation system and indeed sustainable and climate-friendly cities.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Kind regards

Bike Waikato Committee