

Kia ora Hamilton City Councillors

Lack of Cycling Infrastructure is a Matter of Life and Death—Urgent Action is Needed

We are writing with regards to the recent sentencing of a truck driver who killed Jessica Moser while she was riding a bicycle at the intersection of Tristram Street and Norton Road in June 2022¹.

The judge determined that **the lack of dedicated cycling infrastructure on this road was a significant factor** in the death of the person riding a bicycle.

This is another devastating but critical reminder that investing in cycling infrastructure in Hamilton is not a “nice to have” but a matter of life and death. People are suffering life changing injuries and being killed just for getting around the city on a bicycle—and, as the judge in this case ruled, a lack of cycling infrastructure is compounding this issue.

This is not acceptable.

Only a few weeks ago, another person riding a bike was run over by a truck driver² less than one kilometer from where Jessica Moser was killed.

People will continue to be injured and killed if nothing changes.

As Elected Members of Hamilton City Council, you have the power and responsibility to make decisions about funding for this critical infrastructure. In this past, you have debated about whether this infrastructure is really needed. **This question has now been answered for you without a doubt.**

We would like to hear from you, as a matter of urgency, about what you will do to improve safety for people riding bikes at these intersections in particular and in the city in general to prevent further injuries and deaths.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Bike Waikato Committee

¹ Killer truckie can keep driving as 'lack of cycle lane' blamed for cyclist's death (2025, April 29).

<https://www.waikatotimes.co.nz/nz-news/360670217/killer-truckie-can-keep-driving-lack-cycle-lane-blamed-cyclists-death>

² Cyclist seriously injured in early morning Hamilton crash (2025, April 29).

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/cyclist-seriously-injured-in-early-morning-hamilton-crash/TNHGGUTH2VDHLNBDSP5FWFRUWU/>