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**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 348090 S 7(2)(a) - Information about speed humps  
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

1. *It is indeed amazing as this is a Growth Industry (Has the HCC got shares in the Contractors?).*
2. *Are all these Raised Hump/Bumps, Courtesy Crossing paid for by HCC Rate Payers?*
3. *Who decided this is such a great idea?*
4. *As to the horrendous Costs of the various variety of 'Combos' created?*
5. *Who has right of way at a pedestrian crossing NZ? If there's no raised traffic island in the middle of the crossing, stop and give way to pedestrians on any part of the crossing. wait until the pedestrian has crossed in front of you and is clear of your vehicle before you proceed. Do pedestrians always have right of way at a crossing?*

**Our response:**

1. *It is indeed amazing as this is a Growth Industry (Has the HCC got shares in the Contractors?).*  
Hamilton City Council does not have shares with any contractors.
2. *Are all these Raised Hump/Bumps, Courtesy Crossing paid for by HCC Rate Payers?*  
Hamilton raised safety platforms are a combination of Waka Kotahi and Hamilton City rates.
3. *Who decided this is such a great idea?*  
This is a recognised method of managing speed and therefore the outcome of any crash. More information can be found in Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency resources via the following links:
  - <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/partners/road-to-zero-resources/safe-system-solutions/>
  - <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/standard-safety-intervention-toolkit/>
4. *As to the horrendous Costs of the various variety of 'Combos' created?*  
The combination of pedestrian and cyclist priority crossings are in accordance with national best practice guidelines.
5. *Who has right of way at a pedestrian crossing NZ? If there's no raised traffic island in the middle of the crossing, stop and give way to pedestrians on any part of the crossing. wait*

until the pedestrian has crossed in front of you and is clear of your vehicle before you proceed. Do pedestrians always have right of way at a crossing?

This information is available in the NZ Road Code, which is published by Waka Kotahi and can be found here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode>

#### Damaged hump at Victoria St/Claudlands Bridge

Thank you very much for reporting this fault. We have logged a job for this with our transport team, if you have any concerns about our roading network (damage etc) in the future you can report these directly [here](#).

#### Speed management in the city

Council has adopted a strategy for transport and accessibility in Hamilton – [Access Hamilton](#) and Vision Zero for the City. More information on Vision Zero can be found [here](#), and on transportation generally in our city [here](#). Council has also adopted a [Speed Management Plan](#). The purpose of this document is to take the information provided in [Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's Speed Management Guide](#) and create an implementation plan related to safer speeds in Hamilton.

Funding for roading and transportation within the city is a combination of Waka Kotahi NZTA funding, and ratepayer funding.

*If any of the links provided in this reponse don't work. Please reply to this email and we will get the information to you a different way.*

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

#### **Ngaa mihi**

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*I support flexibility at work. While it suits me to send this email now, I don't expect a response outside of your own working hours.*

-----Original Message-----

From: S 7(2)(a)

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2023 5:42:54 pm

To: "HCC" <[info@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:info@hcc.govt.nz)>

Subject: HCC Road Humps/Bumps

Warning! This message was sent from outside your organization and we are unable to verify the sender.

Hi.

In recent weeks I have used the Claudelands Bridge, whilst travelling Southward on Victoria Street & then a LH. Turn onto the Claudelands Road - Bridge.

I **NOTE** the Hump/Bump @ the Victoria Street set of Traffic Lights, prior to turning left onto said Claudelands Road, is missing the 'Odd section of Tapered Rubber Ramp', this gives one a distinctly annoying abrupt 'Bump Rise' in any vehicle..... Even travelling lower than the recommended speed limit.  
Maybe you need to put a sign up, 'TAKE CARE Damaged Obstacle Ahead'.

I look forward to the Replacement/Repair of this Missing item.

My preference would be to remove this wasted item, as I recall as, One Makes a turn in a vehicle then it is prudent for one to slow down & possibly Brake as required to negotiate any change (especially a 90-degree corner) of direction, so the need for a Hump/Bump is negated....

Please forward this to the correct Department. Thank you.

I would be interested in discussing with someone as to the Cost of numerous Hump/Bumps installed like a Forrest of Obstacles across our Hamilton City. (I'm sure the Emergency Services are really impressed by your initiative).

Having recently returned from the UK (Population of 67 million....), covering an extensive Road Travel. I did **NOTE ONE** installed Hump/Bump.

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As to the horrendous Costs of the various variety of 'Combos' created?

The additional Cost of obvious ongoing Repairs & Maintenance. Well done, brilliant.

As far as Courtesy Crossings go.... These appear to be an extremely expensive device/reminder of possible Pedestrians in the area.

#### Pedestrian Crossings:

*I have not been advised of any RADICAL changes to the Road Code.*

*I'm sure that a set of WHITE lines, with roadside signage & even in the Past a set of 'Belisha Beacon' – Amber Coloured Globe or alternative, mind you a possible target for vandals - pre-warning of a ZEBRA Crossing is still applicable to both Drivers & Pedestrians.*

#### NZ Road Code pedestrian crossings (extracts from web...):

Marked pedestrian (zebra) crossings. At zebra crossings with no traffic island, stop and give way to people walking on any part of the crossing or who are waiting to cross. Some zebra crossings have a traffic island in the middle. Stop and give way to people walking on your half of the road or who are waiting to cross.

#### Who has right of way at a pedestrian crossing NZ?

*If there's no raised traffic island in the middle of the crossing, stop and give way to pedestrians on any part of the crossing. wait until the pedestrian has crossed in front of you and is clear of your vehicle before you proceed.*

Do pedestrians always have right of way at a crossing?

*If vehicles are approaching wait for them to pass or stop before stepping out and then take a life saving second look before crossing. Vehicles must give way to pedestrians on any part of the crossings.*

I would also convey my concern that we have a Grandson with Cerebral Palsy, his Mother has a Van to accommodate his electric wheelchair. He does not have the muscular control of his limbs & neck that a normal vehicle passenger has. Effectively, there is a 'WHIPLASS' effect of his Head when negating your Citywide Obstacles course.

I would say that long-term ACC will be involved in his life due to sustained repetitive injury.

I look forward to discussing these issues

**S 7(2)(a)**