



Hamilton City Council – Staff Submission

**Antisocial Road Use Legislation
Amendment Bill**

Parliament's Justice Select Committee

30 September 2025



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 staff submission is aligned with all of Hamilton City Council's five priorities.

Council Approval and Reference

This staff submission was approved by Hamilton City Council's Chief Executive on 30 September 2025.

Submission # 817

It should be noted that the following submission is from staff at Hamilton City Council and does not, therefore, necessarily represent the views of the Council itself.

Introduction

1. Hamilton City Council staff welcome the opportunity to make a submission to Parliament's Justice Select Committee on the **Antisocial Road Use Legislation Amendment Bill**.
2. Staff support the creation of new offences and strengthening of existing offences and penalties, to deter participation in antisocial road use activities, noting that these can only be enforced by the NZ Police.
3. Staff also support providing the NZ Police with greater tools to respond to and manage antisocial road use events.

Enjoyable and Liveable City?

4. One of the Access Hamilton strategic outcomes is *"Enjoyable and liveable city: Hamilton Kirikiriroa is a great place for everyone to live"*.
5. Staff agree that antisocial road user behaviour is disruptive, dangerous, and has negative effects on road and community safety, and does not support our *"Enjoyable and liveable city"* strategic outcome.
6. Staff are concerned that some of these behaviours have persisted and increased despite already constituting criminal conduct. In Hamilton, behaviours such as sustained loss of traction and disorderly dirt bike activity continue to grow in frequency on city roads (and most parks/reserves), with fatal consequences.
7. Over the past 12 months, Council has received 33 customer requests for service regarding 26 locations in the city where antisocial road use has been mentioned. A recent example was from a family that was considering moving homes because they don't feel safe and have disrupted sleep every weekend because of antisocial road use activities.
8. Antisocial road use activities incur costs to the Council of between \$500 and \$900 per intersection for sweeping up rubbish and destroyed tyres, and the recent traffic replacement of a camera cost (\$10,000).
9. In an attempt to discourage sustained loss of traction activities that damage the road surface and cause public nuisance, Council has spent approximately \$25,000 on high-friction, calcinated bauxite surfacing at some intersections and cul-de-sacs.
10. Council has also spent approximately \$100,000 on bylaw signage restricting entry or operation of light vehicles under 3,500kg between 9.00 pm and 4.00 am, *"except for owners and occupiers and their bona fide visitors"*, again as a solution for helping the NZ Police address antisocial road use activities on 40 city streets.

Further Information and Hearings

11. Should Parliament's Justice Select Committee require clarification of the submission from Hamilton City Council staff, or additional information, please contact **Glenn Bunting** (Urban Integration Principal, Transport – Plan, Strategy and Programming) on **021 962 829**, or email Glenn.Bunting@hcc.govt.nz in the first instance.
12. Hamilton City Council representatives **do not wish to speak** at Parliament's Justice Select Committee's hearings in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully



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FURTHER INFORMATION

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