

## SUBMISSION TO THE LONG-TERM PLAN

### UPGRADE OF LAKE HOOD CYCLE TRACK

The Lake Hood Cycle Track leading from the bridge to the iconic Lake Hood, must be included in the Councils Long Term Plan for a major upgrade.

We need to create a landscaped sealed track, so families can walk, bike, push prams, wheelchairs etc. to and from the lake.

The development of biking tracks around the country is to be applauded, Sealed cycleways generate and encourage people to get out and about.

The lake attracts 230,000 visitors a year.

It has 1800 boats registered to use the lake.

The lake generates a large number of visitors from outside our District.

The upgrading of the Lake Hood Cycle Track is even more imperative now, with the proposed Southern Parallel Sports Campus.

This multi-million dollar sports campus will deliver targeted resilience training, academic and business education programmes catering specifically to high performance athletes, disabled athletes and wounded servicemen and women's physical, mental self-esteem and educational needs.

For those people with disabilities to use the track between the lake and town it is vital a major redevelopment and landscaping of the track is planned for, preferably over the next 3 years.

So, while this project has been pushed back, Council has had discussions with the developers and a Resource Consent will be submitted.

Lake Hood is the jewel in our crown.

Let's plan now to have a quality track connecting town and lake, so athletes of all abilities can use the track with confidence.

The upgraded track will compliment the future development of Lake Hood and demonstrate our District is a forward-thinking progressive community.

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