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Ashburton bridge

How many people realise that Ashburton River has approximately seven crossings from State Highway 1 to the mountains and none between highway one and the coast.

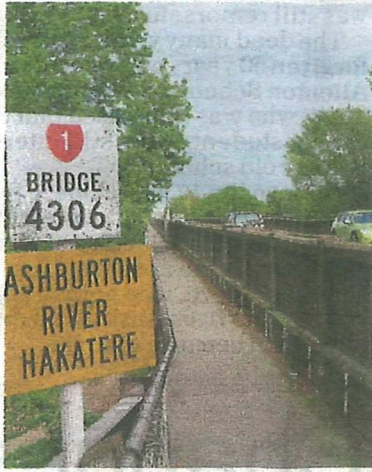
If a bridge was erected at Boundary Road/Cochranes Road it would reduce the problem at the main road.

If milk tankers to and from Fonterra and Synlait, agricultural machinery, transport trucks to Five Star and meat packers, to mention just a few, were able to use another route, half the congestion would disappear.

Shingle trucks and trailers from Boundary Road travel up and down all day every day. All the above are equivalent to three or four cars.

If a crossing was near Lake Hood, residents and users of the lake would also be diverted from the main road.

Remember that Lake Hood has big plans and these will need to be catered for in the future as well.



Currently maize is being carted from Willowby, Eiffelton and Flemington areas up to the main road, through town to Five Star feedlot.

Why not just over the river nearby?

Until a bridge is built to support the rural area, Ashburton deserves its congestion.

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To The Council

A New Bridge was talked about 60 years ago when we lived on Chalmers Ave - The plan then was to go at the end of Chalmers Ave. Now I think a bypass would be a better idea & the suggestion that was in the Courier is the best one yet.

Anything would be better, that would be to get the Heavy Trucks off West Street. I am very against that traffic on West Street.

yours faithfully
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