

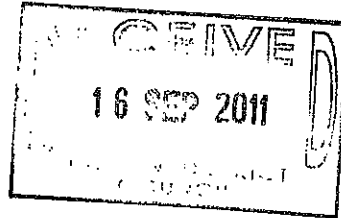


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Dear Dugald

State Highway 6 Appleby Bridge Cycleway Provision

Further to your letter dated 31 August 2011 (ref R858-1) I have made some enquires with regards to NZTA making provision for cyclists over the Appleby River Bridge.

The provision of cycleway improvements at this location has been the subject of ongoing investigation / consideration with a detailed report being prepared in 2007. That report identified four possible options, with the preferred option being the provision of a clip-on cycleway located on the downstream side of the bridge.

The base estimate (produced in 2007) for the preferred option was \$1.12mil however this included a risk component of \$256K, which would be reduced once detailed design was completed.

The BCR calculated in 2007 was very low (1.7) as a result of the low number of reported incidents at this site involving cyclists and the moderate construction cost. Several options were investigated and assumptions made to try and increase the BCR at the time of the report with limited success.

The project was submitted to LTNZ (at that time) who rigorously tested the economics and they found that they could not support funding the project (a copy of Ian Hunter's email regarding this is attached).

We appreciate the offer as outlined in your letter for the potential for a private contribution to be made towards the cost of this scheme however this is unlikely move this scheme up in its national priority ranking significantly enough to a point where NZTA would be able to fund it.

We will however continue to review the economics of this project as we recognise the significant local support for this project.

Yours sincerely

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