

Great Harbour Way

Submission on WCC Walking, Cycling, and Track Recreation Policies

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Great Harbour Way Coalition

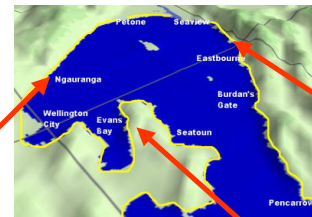
- Living Streets Aotearoa
- Cycle Aware Wellington
- Wellington Civic Trust

Great Harbour Way aim

- Cycling and walking path around Wellington Harbour
- Safe, enjoyable, navigable, following shoreline



GHW issues



The "gap" – no safe and effective cycling and walking route between Petone and Wellington

Narrow Road between Seaview and Eastbourne

Development at Greta Point and Miramar Peninsula

Benefits of GHW

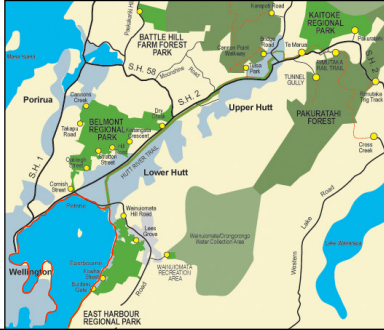
- Promotes active lifestyles: for example if an improved Wellington- Petone route encouraged 500 cyclists/20 walkers/day = \$2M/yr in health benefits
- Encourages cycle/walking commuting, reduces traffic congestion
- Improves access to sea for fishing, swimming, etc
- Tourism potential: connects Wellington to Belmont Hills, Hutt River Trail, Rimutaka incline and Wairarapa

Examples of tourism benefits

- Great Allegheny Passage trail generates \$23M/yr
- Central Otago Rail Trail increased local business revenues by 25%
- Northeast England: £2.7m in cycle routes generated £4.2m/yr in tourism income.



GHW: heart of the regional walking/cycling network



Walking, Cycling, and Track Recreation Policies

- Should include GHW as an explicit part of Wellington's walking and cycling network
- Should commit WCC to work with Regional Council, Hutt City, NZTA etc to implement the GHW, in particular the Wellington-Petone "gap".