

7 August 2024

Julia McLean New Zealand Equestrian Advocacy Network

Dear Julia

Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) is the national sports organization for equestrian in Aotearoa, New Zealand. We aim to provide safe environments for our members and the wider equestrian community, to enjoy competition and recreational equestrian pursuits at all levels of participation.

On behalf of ESNZ I give our full support for the Advocacy Network to ensure horse riders are formally recognised as Vulnerable Road Users in New Zealand transport legislation.

ESNZ strongly believes that the formal recognition of horse riders as Vulnerable Road Users is an important step toward ensuring their safety and wellbeing, as well as allowing for important safety messaging to educate the public.

Yours sincerely,

Heidi Bulfin Community Manager – Horse and Human Wellbeing Equestrian Sports New Zealand heidi@nzequestrian.org.nz

**Equestrian Sports New Zealand** Level 1, Panama House, 22 Panama Street, PO Box 6146 Marion Square, Wellington 6141, New Zealand Tel +64 (4) 499 8994 nzequestrian.org.nz