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User representation for the rebuilding of Christchurch roads and transport network

Dear Sir/Madam

The purpose of this letter is to seek representation on the Community Forum, for a representative from the New Zealand Automobile Association. Our apologies for not making the deadline of 4 May, however we trust that our application will still be considered.

The NZAA has 17 District Councils within New Zealand that advocate on behalf of AA Members and motorists. The AA's Canterbury/West Coast District Council represents 120,000 AA Members living in Canterbury and the West Coast, and as such is a major user representative in the redevelopment of Christchurch transport infrastructure.

Whilst AA Members are all motorists, our Members are also users of all traffic modes including public transport, walking and cycling and we advocate on their behalf on these also.

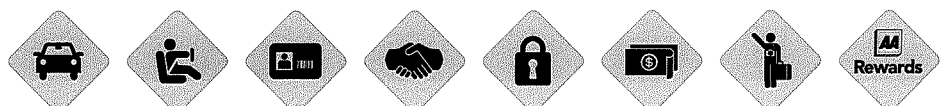
We believe it is essential that the AA's Canterbury/West Coast District Council has a position on the Forum to represent the interests of motorists and transport users to help rebuild Christchurch in a positive way. The NZAA can offer the following to the Forum:

- A wealth of experience and expertise in transport issues;
- Representation of 120,000 AA Members;
- Capability to undertake surveys of Christchurch Members to provide feedback to CERA on transport development options. This would be done via email in a very short time-frame.

The particular candidate that we would like to recommend to the Forum is Brian Palliser. Brian's CV is attached. Brian has been on our AA Canterbury/West Coast District Council for many years and is a lawyer and notary public. Brian represents the NZAA on the following relevant groups:

- Member Christchurch Coordinating Committee for Traffic Safety
- ECAN/Christchurch City Council Advisory Group on Public Transport (PTAG)
- Sustainable Cities Forum
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport New Zealand

The AA is of the opinion that like it or not the motor vehicle will be the main form of mobility for Christchurch residents for many years to come and therefore the ability for these vehicles to move





unhindered around, within, the Central City must be catered for. It is recognised however that the CBD as we have known it may never be recreated and we may have a completely different environment to what we have previously experienced. Whatever the final decision may be the motor vehicle must be considered as a part of that.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request for a position on the Community Forum.

Yours faithfully

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Chairman, AA Canterbury/West Coast District Council

*Copy to: Hon Gerry Brownlee, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery
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