



New Zealand Automobile Association Inc. Northland AA District Council District of the year award entry 2025

National Policy

Council is actively supporting the Auckland to Whangarei RONS, a potential fast-track project. They have engaged through media calls emphasizing the need for a resilient road due to the Brynderwyn closure, participated in Northland Corporate Group and Government Ministers forums to enhance Northland's transport infrastructure, reiterated calls to ministers for Whangarei to Marsden land delegation, and submitted input on the Transport Government Policy Statement.

Safety Cameras

Data was collated on the impact of signage on safer driving at the Kauri safety-camera site. This information supported the TPA team's push for signage at all fixed camera locations. Further efforts focused on the Moerewa safety camera, analysing infringement rates and advocating for the retention of all camera functionalities (including phone and seatbelt usage).

Road Safety

Council maintained consistent messaging through the Northland GPS submission and urged the TPA to express concerns to NZTA about anticipated reduction in community funding through the RLTP. and participated in the Whangarei A&P Road Safety Stand.

Council Membership

Council actively recruited to achieve gender balance and increased diversity across the three Northland councils. A collaborative approach leverages the networks, and skill sets of individual councillors for effective advocacy on behalf of its members.

Transport Services Delivery

Council voiced concerns over the disestablishment of the Northland Transport Alliance, which had previously enabled a cohesive regional approach to transport. Oral submissions were made to the four Regional Transport Authorities' LTP. Although the NTA was disbanded, strong collaborations continue, exemplified by Whangarei, Kaipara, and NZTA Resilience panel.

FAR Emergency Work Review

Northland communicated its concerns about the FAR Emergency work funding review to TPA, Auckland, and Hawkes Bay councils. This prompted collaboration with Local Government NZ and a submission from NZAA on the review outcomes.

Fuel Prices

The Commerce Commission released findings revealing Whangarei's high fuel prices stemmed from limited competition. New market entrants decreased prices, and media attention, including the Northland Council's involvement, contributed to lowering fuel costs.

Regional Transport Committee

Advocacy efforts with the RTC contributed to the circulation of the Ombudsman findings regarding public exclusion from workshops. As a result, the public is now invited to attend workshops.



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Older Drivers

Council expressed concerns about the process for Older Drivers renewing licenses. Working with the TPA team, Northland encouraged a submission to the Government regarding the review of medical fitness to drive.

Road Maintenance

Vocal advocacy regarding the poor conditions of Northland roads contributed to securing substantial funding through the 2024-27 RLTP.

Driver Licensing

We supported local initiatives to increase driver licensing opportunities, collaborating with Northland Road Safety Trust, MSD, NZTA, Far North Reap, Blue Light and NZAA enabling over 3,920 driving tests being conducted in the Far North since June 2022 and 728 in Kaipara/Whangarei since July 24.

Public Relations

Council members are active in the Northland Road Safety Forum, Northland Freight Group, and attend Regional Transport Committee meetings and workshops. Cr. Williamson's Northern Advocate's fortnightly column keeps the public aware of roading matters. Regular meetings with NTA/NZTA, MPs, and local councillors ensure updates on progress.

