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**RURAL WOMEN NEW ZEALAND (INC) SUBMISSION**  
**Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024**

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Ministry of Transport (MoT) on the Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on land transport 2024 Consultation.

As an organisation dedicated to strengthening, supporting and connecting people and communities in rural and regional New Zealand, RWNZ is writing in support of, and alignment with, the Federated Farmers New Zealand's (FFNZ) submission on this GPS. Like FFNZ, we too have a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand's rural communities and helping them to thrive.

Our primary interest also in this consultation is to ensure that:

- The maintenance of rural roads and bridges (state highways and local roads) is adequately funded to ensure they are fit-for-purpose;
- Necessary improvements are pursued to the rural roading network (state highways and local roads) to ensure it continues to meet the needs of rural communities and farm businesses; and
- Sufficient priority is given to the rural roading network (state highways and local roads) under local road maintenance and local road improvement activity classes.

We would likewise highlight that low volume roads, rural roads and bridges (state highways and local roads) are in most instances critical lifelines connecting rural communities with each other and with the rest of Aotearoa New Zealand.

RWNZ agrees with the strategic priorities set out in the GPS, particularly the emphasis on maintaining and operating the system, increasing resilience and safety.

### **About Rural Women New Zealand**

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is a not-for-profit, member-based organisation that reaches into all rural communities to provide a credible and respected voice on rural environment, health, education, technology, business and social issues.

RWNZ strives to ensure that all rural residents, workers and families have equitable access to services, inequalities are addressed by Government, and the wellbeing of rural communities is considered from the beginning of all policy and legislative development.

RWNZ is affiliated to the Associated Country Women of the World and as such upholds all United Nations, International Labor Organisation (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Health Organisation (WHO) conventions and outcome statements as they relate to women and rural women in particular.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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