



# ARAC Executive

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Submission to the Annual Plan

The Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee Incorporated (ARAC) represents some 3,500 outdoor recreationalists with the Greater Wellington Area. Many of our supporters are resident within the Upper Hutt district.

As you may be aware, we have previously made representation to this Council about the recreational value vested in Paper Roads within the Council's jurisdiction. Unfortunately, on that occasion, Council chose to reject our representations, culminating in an appearance before the Environment Court. The Court found in our favour.

That matter referred to just one such "Paper Road" within Upper Hutt, Johnson's Road, but there are many others.

We would urge Council to consider the recreational value afforded by these legal highways, even in their unformed state, and make provision to allow groups such as ours to exploit them for their own sake.

Our proposals would not necessarily involve Council in any significant expenditure. Indeed ARAC is more than willing to fund minimalist works such as benching where required, erection of signage, surveying lawful alignments etc. all to standards that we hope can be agreed between ourselves and Council.

At present, our primary focus is on Johnson's Road, as it meanders from the formed section of Johnson's Road up and across the district boundary into Lower Hutt.

But as stated above, there are others that offer similar opportunity. One such would be Mount Cecil Road running between Hayward's Hill and Moonshine Road. This road is partly defined on the ground, the remainder is true "Paper Road".

With 3,500 supporters behind us, we feel confident that Council will see merit in our proposals, and allow our various sporting codes such as walkers, mountain bikers,

horse riders and motorised recreationalists to enjoy even more facilities within the Council's operational domain.

On Behalf of Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee

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