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Dear Sarah

Rameka Pack Track

FMC represents 18,000 members of outdoor recreation clubs across New Zealand, including several in the Nelson region.

We have been notified by clubs in the Nelson region that Tasman District Council is requesting feedback on the proposals from the Rameka Development Trust.

FMC support the proposal to declare part of the road as a footpath thus limiting the use of the current path to pedestrians and cyclists. We are aware that the Rameka Track is popular with both groups of recreationalists and therefore welcome any steps to clarify the status of the road and preserve the nature of the track for the future.

Regarding the proposed signage for this track, FMC supports and promotes the Mountainbike Code, originally developed by MTBNZ and FMC. See:

http://www.mountainbike.co.nz/rides/mtb/mtbikers_code.html

<https://www.groundeffect.co.nz/techtips/107/the-mountain-bikers-code>

A key tenet is that MTBs should give way to walkers on shared used tracks. MTBs can enforce ROW if they so wish through their generally superior weight and speed. This potential threat is the major source of angst on shared use trails. Walkers will usually step aside if given sufficient warning - it is the safe and courteous option. But walkers formally having ROW serves to ameliorate

headstrong MTB behaviour and encourages more personal interactions between the groups. FMC strongly recommends that TDC promotes the MTB code in any signage on the Rameka Track and all other shared use tracks in the region. The first rule of effective promotion is simple, consistent messages.

Thank you for the opportunity to make representations on this worthy project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Stewart', written in a cursive style.

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