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Dear Minister

## **Transport Policy Statement - Road Efficiency Group – Marlborough Rural Roads**

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association (**KCSRA**).

KCSRA was incorporated in 1991, we have over 300 signed up members and there are approximately 900 residents and property owners in the area. We engage on behalf of our members on a wide range of issues. A core function has always been safeguarding the integrity and security of the Kenepuru Road network (some 100km plus side roads and been in use since the 1960's) .

I, and my Committee, were most interested to read in the context of this weeks release of your Government's draft Transport Plan that a **Road Efficiency Group** was envisaged.

The stated focus of that Group is: *"finding efficiencies in road maintenance, standardising maintenance protocols, reducing expenditure on temporary traffic management, and reviewing maintenance contracts"*

Over the last six years KCSRA has invested considerable time and effort seeking to achieve timely, competent and efficient road repair and maintenance outcomes for the Kenepuru Road network . **No easy task it turns out.**

Accordingly, the announcement of a government sponsored Road Efficiency Group with such a focus is very much a breath of fresh air from our perspective.

The storm events of July 2021 and then August 2022 wrought significant damage to parts of the Kenepuru Road network and it is our belief that a fair chunk of this damage was exacerbated by less than effective road maintenance management and operations.

Accordingly, we respectfully suggest that it could be most useful if the Road Efficiency Group considered using the Marlborough Rural Road Network as something of a case study in terms of the stated objectives.

Naturally, we would be very pleased to discuss this suggestion further with you and your team as your busy schedule allows.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Caddie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

Andrew Caddie

President  
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CC Hon Mark Mitchell (EMR).

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