

# Wasting your life in traffic



**A new law is coming that will make our roads worse, not better.**

## ***The Land Transport Management Bill – just what the Greens ordered.***

It will take money away from roads. Auckland roads will get more congested. Waikato roads will become even less safe. Queues into places like Wellington and Tauranga will get longer. Farming and forestry operations will find it harder to get their product to market. There won't be enough passing lanes. Some regions of NZ won't get any new roads built for another ten years.

This is the Greens' plan: Make it harder to get planning approval for new roads. And take money away from roads and spend it on railway subsidies, cycle lanes and passenger transport.

But these things should be funded in their own right, not with money ripped off roads.

## ***The Land Transport Management Bill will:***

- take money needed for roads and spend it on other things
- take away the 'efficiency' test for transport funding
- let Ministers make back-room decisions about transport funding – their directives won't even have to be in writing
- require over-the-top consultation that will let pressure groups stop many roading projects altogether
- make it almost impossible for public-private partnerships to help get new roads
- mean local authorities won't have to tender out road maintenance – there'll be higher maintenance costs and less money spent on new roads

This is the deal the Greens wanted. The Bill is being rushed through Parliament before anyone wakes up to its consequences.

## ***Parliament needs to know that you want:***

- more money collected from road users spent on roads
- a limit on the amount of road user money spent on other things
- efficiency and safety to be the test for spending, not pork barrel politics
- the existing consultation processes to work properly, not more of them
- roadblocks to alternative funding sources removed
- local authorities to continue contracting out road maintenance
- the Government to publish a 10-year roading plan and say exactly how it will be funded

Being stuck in traffic means losing your spare time, missing your kids, losing income. It costs the country billions. Driving on unsafe roads risks everyone's life. Please help us tell Parliament we want better than this. Just email us to add your voice to the call for a better deal for roads. **Simply email [GRR@paradise.net.nz](mailto:GRR@paradise.net.nz) with this message: *GET REAL ON ROADS.***