



**28 November 2021**

**To: All members, New Zealand Federation of Motoring Clubs (FoMC)**

**From: Harry Duynhoven, President**

Greetings to all FoMC club members. **Please distribute to all your members and colleague clubs.**

**Meetings with Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency)**

You will recall that the FoMC delegation met with the Minister of Transport, Hon. Michael Wood on 17 August. The Minister is keen for his officials and the Federation to develop solutions to our issues, as outlined in Wheel Torque 35. We have had two further discussions with Waka Kotahi officials and are making steady progress. The FoMC delegation hopes to have another update and perhaps some solid proposals from officials before Christmas!

We are very pleased that we were able to support the Motor Caravan Association (MCA) to resolve the “Uncertified Cab Modification” issue with Waka Kotahi (a very welcome relief indeed). It also demonstrates the agency is working constructively with the sector to achieve positive outcomes, which is very encouraging.

**FoMC Submission to the Ministry for the Environment on the Emissions Reduction Plan**

FoMC submission to the Ministry for the Environment on Emissions Reduction Plan. Here are the main points:

1. The FoMC is NOT opposed to EV's, hybrid and other new technology vehicles
2. We believe they are a viable alternative for those on short commuting journeys and who have the financial ability to purchase them at current prices
3. We recognise that the Clean Car Programme is designed to incentivise the purchase of lower-emission vehicles and provide a subsidy to buyers of EV's, PHEV's, etc., through raising the price of higher-emission vehicles. We have suggested other strategies should also be considered.
4. Vast numbers of the existing ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicle fleet will still be in use in 2035, so the obvious need is for a cleaner fuel that can be used in existing vehicles to reduce emissions
5. We therefore support the development of “drop-in” biofuels which can be used in existing ICE vehicles to lower their emissions
6. We look forward to the development of new battery technologies which will extend battery life and reduce their manufacturing emissions

## **COVID-19 Update (The new Protection Framework “Traffic Lights”)**

Just as the Delta variant changed the world dramatically, we are watching developments overseas of the Omicron variant with great concern.

**The key strategy for protecting our population is to maximise vaccination.** It is also pleasing the AstraZeneca vaccine is now available, which provides a choice. We also encourage those eligible to get the booster shots at the appropriate time.

Protection Framework website:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/covid-19-protection-framework/>

The Red-Orange-Green guidelines table should be consulted when planning club activities:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/COVID-19-Protection-Framework/COVID-19-Protection-Framework.pdf>

Vaccine passports are now available and please be prepared to use them at any upcoming events.

Passport Website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-certificates/my-vaccine-pass/>  
GP's, Pharmacies and other health providers can assist you.

The Radio NZ Website also has a very good explanation of the system; how we stay safe and where we can go with and without vaccination certificates:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/456303/explained-what-the-traffic-light-system-is-and-how-it-works>

At the time of writing (28 November), this was the current information available, although it is expected that the Government will make adjustments according to the developing situation.

Key dates currently are:

- **2 December** - At 11:59pm, all of New Zealand will move to the framework. Auckland will move to Red. Settings for the rest of New Zealand are yet to be decided on.
- **15 December** - People travelling out of Auckland will need to be fully vaccinated, or have a negative test 72 hours prior to departure, to leave Auckland and visit other parts of the country. This requirement will remain in place during the core summer period, until 17 January 2022.

Remember to keep an eye open for changes, which are likely to occur.

Stay safe, drive carefully and courteously.

Kind regards,



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President, FoMC

