

Keeping our district roads safe

Movement of stock

The safety of people travelling on our local roads is very important.

The purpose of the WDC Land Transport Bylaw is to establish a simple set of rules about how stock can be moved on public roads for the safety of all road users.

Farm business operators have a responsibility to take all measures to reduce potential road safety hazards that arise from stock movements. The waste left behind on our roads by stock, creates a very slippery road surface during wet weather.

Our Districts' tourism industry attracts many visitors, from all walks of life, to take in the many attractions across the Waitomo District. Many of those visitors are not experienced in driving on rural roads and may not be aware of the road hazard created through animal waste deposited on our roads.

By following some simple guidelines when moving stock, the potential hazards to other road users can be significantly reduced...

- 1.** Use a removable protective covering for the area of the road surface over which you will move stock. This can be rubberised or plastic matting that is strong but flexible. The mat will reduce the carriage of mud onto the road by stock movement.
- 2.** Ensure that there is provision for clearing the debris generated by the crossing of stock from maintained road surfaces after each crossing.

The road must be left in the same or better condition after the movement of stock. WDC reserves the right to remove debris and animal waste from the road surface and recover the costs from the farm business operator. PLEASE CONSIDER OTHER ROAD-USERS!



Stock Underpasses

When a drystock or dairy farm business has an existing or proposed road crossing that is considered to be unsafe, WDC may require a stock underpass.

Section 6.4 of the Land Transport Bylaw sets deadlines for the installation of stock underpasses where certain circumstances exist. One method used for determining the need for an underpass is a roads **Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)** - a road that usually has 500 vehicles or more travelling on it every day, every year.

The deadline for the installation of a stock underpass on an existing split dairy farm business that is operated on opposite sides of the road where the AADT is equal to or more than 500 vehicles, was **1 July 2012**.

For an existing split drystock farm business that is operated on opposite sides of the road where the AADT is equal to or more than 500 vehicles, the installation of a stock underpass must be completed by **1 July 2015**.

Further information about how to apply for the installation of a stock underpass please contact the **Manager Roading** at Waitomo District Council.

To obtain a copy of the Land Transport Bylaw 2010 please visit our website: www.waitomo.govt.nz/publications/bylaws Alternatively, phone 0800 932 4357, or email us at waitomodc@waitomo.govt.nz