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Whanganui District Council

**Re.: Submission of support for roofed velodrome**

To whom it may concern,

As a National Sports Organisation supporting the growth of the sport of cycling in New Zealand, Cycling New Zealand, along with its Road and Track Member Organisation, is in full support of a project that offers a fit-for-purpose covered velodrome in Whanganui.

We've seen first-hand the benefits that covered velodromes provide to communities as well as the whole nation to boost participation in the sport of cycling and to also increase physical literacy through safe and dynamic ancillary recreational activities offered in the track centre.

In the case of Whanganui, we note the tremendous support from the cycling community to ensure that the legacy of the Whanganui velodrome built in the 1990s be continued through an upgrade of the existing infrastructure.

Though our most recent Facilities Strategy dates back to 2010 and requires a review, there is a definite desire to support the refurbishing of existing velodromes in the country which can, once upgraded to international standards, host a slew of regional, national and international events.

It is without a doubt that a fit-for-purpose international standard velodrome in Whanganui would contribute to our organisation's mission of building a thriving community across the sport of cycling.

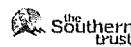
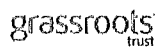
We certainly wish for this Whanganui roof project to see the light in the not-too-distant future and remain available to discuss further.

Sincerely,



Jacques Landry  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 Cycling New Zealand

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