

C J & J R Rowse Submission on PPC81

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan change for the Dargaville Racecourse

### History

The Rowse family have lived opposite the Racecourse at Awakino point since 1936.

Forming the track for motorcycles.

Helping the club: Flowers, security – rustlers, hosting stable hands.

Providing colostrum, lambing ewes, stuck tractors & the on going water leak issue.

Never been members. Only went once. Upset the Racing club never spoke to us first.  
Common courtesy Because that's what Rural People do!

### Submission

State Highway 14 and Awakino Point North Road intersection known as 'The corner'. Myself and Joanne are very concerned at what could happen in our 30 years there we have seen it all.

Photo in Stantec report of a nice country road devoid of traffic on bright sunny day.

Reality is somewhat different. (see photo) Heavy Fog or at night.

Accident 1 – June 2008 Fatal – Police Car, mourners parking.

Accident 2 - June 2018 - Dairy Heifers, Inattentive driver.

Accident 3 - May 2022 – Helpers blocking lane, near pancake. (pictured)

Been more than what is mentioned and many many more near misses.

Traffic volumes down – definitely due to covid.

Traffic counter is at Tewharu. Does not count:

Awakino Point Traffic or Fieldays traffic from Dargaville or South.

Lost tourists (twin cost discovery) Campervans, Maps. Dangerous turnarounds.

934 cars /hr - Round-about.

### Summary

Deep drains, blind corner, narrow verge, little room for error, nowhere to pull off safely. A moments inattention or a distraction can change everything can change in an instant.

We oppose PPC 81