



Warwick Walbran Consulting Ltd was engaged by Rangitikei and Hastings District Council to undertake a strategic and economic analysis to determine the benefits of the Taihape Napier Road being declared a state highway. The analysis involved extensive consultation with all existing and potential road users including the transport industry and seaports as well as detailed calculations as to ascertain the level of benefits that would be achieved once the road was sealed.

The outcome of the analysis was extremely pleasing due to the efforts Warwick put into the compilation of the report. Both Councils now have a very sound document to support having the road declared a state highway. Analysis had been undertaken before on the road but provided little in way of support. Of particular note is Warwick's extensive knowledge of both Land Transport New Zealand and Transit New Zealand policies and objectives. His working relationship with peers within these organisations greatly assists favourable outcomes.

Warwick was also very competent in presenting his report to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council's Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC) and will be undertaking a similar presentation to Horizons Regional Council's RLTC in December.

Warwick has also undertaken similar work in the Rangitikei District. His work delivery is well within acceptable timeframes and is certainly value for money.

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