



## MDC 2016/17 Annual Plan Submission

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We wish to speak to this submission

### Picton Smart and Connected Public Spaces Working Group

The Picton Smart & Connected Public Spaces Working Group submits:

- That Council urgently improve public toilet facilities in Picton in 2016/17 especially replacement of the portaloos next to the i-site and expand overstretched waterfront facilities

### Submission: Additional Toilets for Picton Foreshore

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**Picton Smart and Connected would like the Marlborough District Council to build a new toilet block in the area adjacent to the i-site in 2016/17, and create better signage for toilet facilities in the area.** The working group has gathered feedback from local people, visitors, businesses, landlords and operators about lack of public toilets on the west side of the foreshore.

The reasons for this are:-

- The portaloos currently in use are inadequate and a poor first encounter for visitors to Marlborough. We need to ensure ongoing visitor satisfaction for Marlborough.
- People from cruise boats, visitors to I-Site and traffic off the ferries are constantly asking for directions to public toilets (this could be fixed as part of wayfinding signage).
- They would be used by cruise ship passengers waiting for winery and other tours, especially early in the morning etc, and in long queues for shuttles back to the ship.
- Picton foreshore, Rail & Sail and Mini Golf are used by many young families – where there are young children, public toilets need to be nearby, and portaloos are inadequate and unsuitable.
- It is expected that cruise ship numbers will increase further from 38 this year and there will be increased pressure on other facilities that have already reached capacity. How do we cope better with 5000 pax ships arriving on Christmas Eve?
- On cruise ship days and holiday weekends there are often long queues of 20+ people for each toilet at the Waterfront. This facility needs to be expanded. Domestic visitation on public holidays, esp from Wellington and Christchurch, has created more pressure.

- It would stop people going behind Rail & Sail shed and in the trees to relieve themselves.
- The upkeep can be done at the same time as other toilets on the Foreshore

The working group would like to see the design and access for these to be linked cohesively with the foreshore, London Quay and lower High Street. Design could consider the existing facility on the waterfront or the one on Shelley Beach. Council has advised that the design changes to the foreshore itself are essentially a 'refresh' thus new public toilets could be planned for and built urgently, by fitting in with existing Waterfront designs.