

Auckland, June 2019

Dear Mrs Fletcher,

Your running mate, John Tamihere, has misled the public about the safer speeds proposed by Auckland Transport.

We have a city with speeds that don't meet international guidelines. Auckland Transport is required to provide a safe transport environment, but we currently have the second worst pedestrian fatality rate out of 31 OECD countries studies. If these speeds are not lowered as a result of public resistance, more people, including children, will be seriously injured and killed.

Resisting bringing our speed limits in line with international guidelines is unethical, and shows you are not able to incorporate evidence into your policies.

The Newshub article about the [Advertising Standards Authority's ruling](#) says, "Tamihere's campaign responded by saying there wasn't enough time in a 30-second commercial to "say all of that"."

No apology, then? That's unacceptable. The media reality of sound bites and 30-second ads do not justify lying to the public.

Tamihere drives a vehicle with a bull bar. NZTA says bull bars cause more serious injuries for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists and the risk of injury to people in other vehicles is higher too. He has numerous driving convictions including drink driving. His record on empathy around the issue of rape is unforgiveable.

As the Councillor in my ward, I would like you to explain why you are his running mate for this election. He is not fit to represent the women and children of this city.

I am circulating this email around the community, and will also circulate your response, or lack of.

Your sincerely,

Heidi O'Callahan