

Traffic light solution

I am currently in Vancouver, which has a lot of similarities with Auckland — traffic lights not being among them.

Cars and pedestrians never have to wait more than a few seconds for a green light, nor do they get held up immediately at the next intersection to glower and growl at each other while nothing moves.

If we truly want to become one of the world's most liveable cities, why don't we start by sending our senior traffic managers to Vancouver to learn how to sort out our traffic lights?

David Baker, Remuera.

Babies don't count

Babies have no right to be born in New Zealand. Not if they are your sister or brother, your son or daughter, your niece or nephew, your cousin, or the (almost) kid down the street.

The Court of Appeal made that clear. NZ babies don't have the right to live. Not under our laws. If a single unborn whale was killed, the nation would be appalled. Horrified.

But aborting more than 18,000 babies every year? That's no problem at all. The courts have said so. How come the babies don't get a choice?

William Moore, Titirangi.

Heart of the matter

The report of a life saved with an AED (automated external defibrillator) 10 days after it was bought highlights the potential for making a big difference

in saving lives of New Zealanders who have sudden cardiac arrest.

Every year, there are 1500 cardiac arrests that could be treated with AEDs. There are about 1100 AEDs but there should be 10,000.

There are no AEDs at Auckland Airport, SkyCity Casino, the Ferry Building or Eden Park. They should be anywhere where lots of people visit or where high-risk people gather.

Hearts that are too good to die are dying for want of a simple device.

Professor Harvey White, cardiologist, Auckland.

Who's running city?

So the Government's experts have trumped Auckland's on the underground rail extension — "to nobody's surprise", says the *Herald* editorial. It is patently obvious this is the National-led Government's ongoing response to us not electing the mayor they wanted for their new Super City. Are we super enough to support our mayor and council and stand up for what we believe we need? Or will we submit to what Wellington wants us to have?

Do we want Len Brown or Steven Joyce to run this town? I guess we'll know after November.

Clyde Scott, Birkenhead.

Children deserve better

Government cuts to preschool education are a disgrace. The first five years of a child's life are crucial for future development. Children learn more in their first five years than in the

Street view

MPs Jacinda Ardern and Nikki Kaye blogged this week for nzherald.co.nz about whether NZ should retain the MMP voting system. Their article prompted a flood of comments. If you have a topic you'd like Jacinda and Nikki to write about, email online-editor@nzherald.co.nz

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