



Interpretation of Green Cycle Signal

An update

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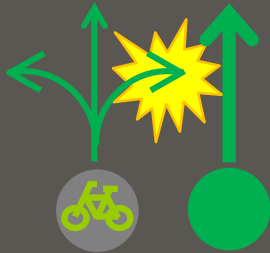
That drum we've been banging for a while



Recap: definition of green cycle aspect

RUR clause 3.7 Traffic signals in form of cycle symbol:

(1) While a green cycle symbol is illuminated, cyclists may proceed straight ahead, or turn left or right.



RUR clause 3.2 Traffic signals in form of disc:

(1) While a green signal in the form of a disc is displayed,—

(b) a driver facing the signal, including a driver turning left or right, must—

(i) **proceed with due regard** to the safety of other road users; and

(ii) **give way** to pedestrians, riders of mobility devices, and riders of wheeled recreational devices lawfully crossing or about to cross the roadway; and

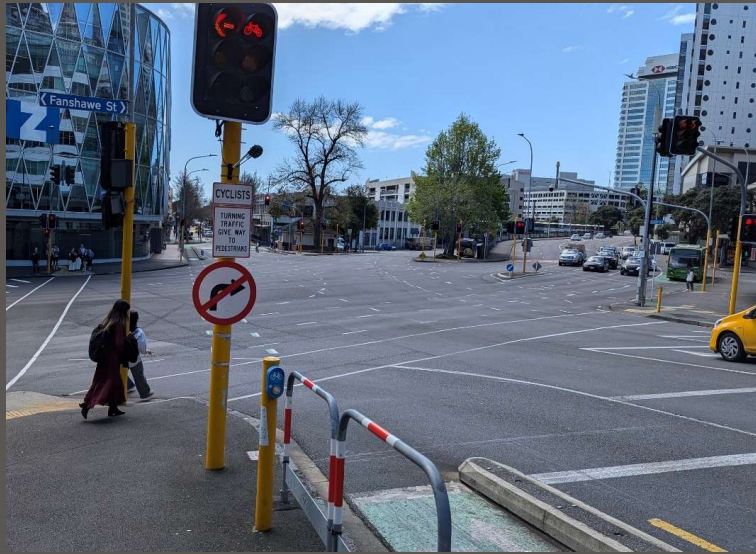
(iii) **give way** to motor vehicles and cycles lawfully proceeding straight ahead:

(c) a driver facing the signal and turning right must **give way** to vehicles approaching from the opposite direction and lawfully turning or about to turn left.

RUR has short defn of green cyc sig. Compare w general disc signal – lots of requirements to give way.

Leads to a legal conflict as neither turning cyclists or through motorists are required to give way to one another

Example response



AT response which I understand was to address this issue – apply RT sign under “CYCLISTS” plate to avoid (unlikely) issue of cyclists crossing parallel traffic – NZTA pointed out that the CYCLISTS plate doesn’t actually make this apply only to cyclists, also bans general traffic which wasn’t the intention or how the intersection is actually operated.

I asked, how should they address the lack of detail in the RUR?

NZTA clarification

- General behaviour at traffic signals still applies...
 - ...covered in RUR 3.2 “Traffic signals in form of disc”.
 - ...set out clearly that within the [...] intersection that “normal” turning relationships and priorities take precedent
- Agree that RUR 3.7 should ideally loop back to RUR 3.2



Caveat: Excerpts from a longer email. It was perhaps not written to be taken as a “press release” so I wouldn’t hang on it word by word, but I think it’s good enough to take as an official position. I’m not trying to stir the pot - I requested that NZTA cover this at SNUG, and had been told that it would be, but the person we’d hoped would attend to do that hasn’t been able to, and it seems it wasn’t passed on to Jeff. I just think it’s really worth getting out there.