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Submission on Plan Change 17- Hautapu Industrial Zones

Attached is the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency submission on Waipa District Council's Plan Change 17.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the contents of our submission with council officers as required.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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FORM 5, CLAUSE 6 OF SCHEDULE 1, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

Submission on Plan Change 17: Hautapu Industrial Zones of the Operative Waipa District Plan

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1. This is a submission on the following:

Waipa District Council Plan Change 17: Hautapu Industrial Zones.

2. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

3. Role of Waka Kotahi

Waka Kotahi is a Crown entity with its functions, powers and responsibilities set out in the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) and the Government Rounding Powers Act 1989. The primary objective of Waka Kotahi under Section 94 of the LTMA is to contribute to an effective, efficient, and safe land transport system in the public interest.

An integrated approach to transport planning, funding and delivery is taken by Waka Kotahi. This includes investment in public transport, walking and cycling, local roads and the construction and operation of state highways.

4. State highway environment and context

Access to the plan change area will be via Hautapu Road which adjoins State Highway 1B to the east. State Highway 1B has an approximate traffic volume of 8509 vehicles per day, with 12% of these being heavy. Waka Kotahi understands that Waipa District Council are proposing to upgrade the State Highway 1B/Hautapu Road intersection to a roundabout within the 2023/2024 construction season.

5. The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to are:

Plan Change 17 proposes to remove the deferred zoning of growth cell C9 and live zone the area as Industrial Zone to enable development pre-2035 rather than post 2035. In addition, Plan Change 9 seeks to rezone an area of approximately 20 hectares north of Hautapu Road from Rural Zone to Industrial Zone. This area is identified as 'Area 6'. Area 6 will then form part of growth cell C9.

The Hautapu Industrial Structure Plan (Appendix S5) will also be updated to align with infrastructure changes on the ground.

The submission of Waka Kotahi is:

- (i) Waka Kotahi supports in part Plan Change 17 to the extent outlined in this submission.
- (ii) The updated structure plan maps identify a future intersection upgrade at the State Highway 1B/Hautapu Road intersection. Waka Kotahi supports the amended structure plan maps as it reflects Waipa District Council's plans to upgrade the State Highway 1B/Hautapu Road intersection to a roundabout. Waka Kotahi consider that the new roundabout will facilitate vehicle movements associated with future development within growth cell C9.
- (iii) Whilst the updated structure plan maps reflect a future intersection upgrade, it is not clear within Appendix S5 when the proposed roundabout will be built. Through email correspondence, it has been advised by Waipa District Council that the roundabout will be constructed within the 2023/2024 construction season. However, Waka Kotahi has concerns that if the roundabout is not constructed within the timeframes advised, the safety of the State Highway 1B/Hautapu Road intersection will be adversely affected by an increase of traffic volumes from development within the C9 growth cell.
- (iv) Due to these concerns, Waka Kotahi consider that an assessment of traffic flows and intersection capacity is required to determine whether the existing State Highway 1B/Hautapu Road intersection has capacity to cater for the additional traffic volume from Plan Change 17. Dependent on the outcome of the assessment, Waka Kotahi consider that a provision may be required to only allow a certain level of development within growth cell C9 prior to the construction of the roundabout.

6. Waka Kotahi seeks the following decision from the local authority:

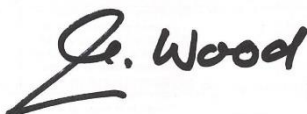
- (i) Waka Kotahi seeks that Waipa District Council undertake an assessment of traffic flows and intersection capacity to determine whether the State Highway 1B/Hautapu Road intersection can cater for the additional traffic volume from Plan Change 17, prior to construction of the roundabout.
- (ii) Any other relief that would provide for the adequate consideration of potential effects on the State Highway 1B/Hautapu Intersection.

7. Waka Kotahi does wish to be heard in support of this submission.

8. If others make a similar submission, Waka Kotahi will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

9. Waka Kotahi is willing to work with Waipa District Council in advance of a hearing.

Signature:



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