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Dear Mujahid

**Takitimu North Link Stage 2 - update on proposed resource consent conditions**

Further to the conditions workshop on Wednesday 21 January, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) have been working together on an updated set of resource consent conditions for NZTA's application for resource consents, approvals and notice of requirement to alter a designation (together, the *Application*) to replace the existing State Highway 2 corridor between Te Puna and Ōmokoroa, known as 'Takitimu North Link - Stage 2' (the *Project*).

The updated set of resource consent conditions that NZTA and BOPRC have prepared are attached to NZTA's closing legal submissions dated 16 February 2026. BOPRC confirms that the updated set addresses BOPRC's concerns with respect to the structure of the conditions. In relation to the substance of the conditions, NZTA and BOPRC are agreed on all of the resource consent conditions that NZTA is proposing with the exception of those conditions identified in **Attachment 1**.

Yours sincerely

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**ATTACHMENT 1 – RESIDUAL AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN NZTA  
AND BOPRC ON THE RESOURCE CONSENT CONDITIONS**

BOPRC opposes the 'deemed certification' conditions proposed by NZTA. Note this opposition is not repeated and recorded against each relevant resource consent below.

<b>Resource Consent</b>	<b>Outstanding issues</b>
LC.01 Earthworks	<p><i>NZTA and BOPRC are now agreed on the majority of the conditions. Areas where disagreement remain are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetland Management Plan Condition 24.1(a)2.ii – BOPRC seeks reference to 'offsetting/compensating' instead of 'restoring'. NZTA opposes the change.</li> <li>• Stream Management and Monitoring Plan– Condition 28.</li> <li>• Ecological, Restoration and Landscape Planting – Condition 29 BOPRC seeks an additional clause requiring planting to maintain less than 5% pest plant cover for duration of consent. NZTA opposes this insertion.</li> </ul>
LC.02 Drilling	<p><i>NZTA and BOPRC are now agreed on the conditions.</i></p>
BC.01 Works in Waterbodies	<p><i>NZTA and BOPRC are now agreed on the majority of the conditions. Areas where disagreement remain are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference to SQEPs – Conditions 9.3 and 10.1-10.3: BOPRC seek more specificity regarding what kind of SQEP is to certify. NZTA seek to retain the general reference to SQEP.</li> <li>• General works – Condition 11. BOPRC seek an additional condition requiring temporary stream diversions to provide full fish passage. NZTA opposes.</li> <li>• Culverts and Streams Condition 13 - BOPRC seek additional detail to be added to stream realignment detailed design Condition 13.3(a)4. NZTA opposes.</li> <li>• Culverts and Streams Condition 13 – BOPRC seek additional conditions requiring that embankments be supervised by a Geotechnical Engineer and to specify a maximum stream length that may be realigned. NZTA opposes.</li> <li>• Inspections, maintenance and monitoring Condition 15.1. BOPRC seeks reference to 5% AEP storm event, and an additional condition requiring 10 years post-construction monitoring. NZTA opposes.</li> </ul>
DC.01 Temporary Discharges	<p><i>NZTA and BOPRC are now agreed on the majority of the conditions. Areas where disagreement remain are the BOPRC proposed additional conditions (which NZTA oppose) requiring:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A condition referencing the discharge of sediment contaminated stormwater during winter earthworks; and</li> <li>• Set limits on the concentration of Total Suspended Solids in stormwater discharges from sediment treatment devices.</li> </ul>

DC.02 Contamination	<i>NZTA and BOPRC are now agreed on the conditions.</i>
DC.03 Permanent Stormwater	<i>NZTA and BOPRC are now agreed on the conditions.</i>
WT.01 Permanent Groundwater	<i>NZTA and BOPRC are now agreed on the conditions.</i>
WT.02 Temporary Dewatering	<i>NZTA and BOPRC are now agreed on the conditions.</i>

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