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**Response to Comments on Draft Conditions under s70(4) of the FTAA: State Highway 1 North
Canterbury – Woodend Bypass Project (Belfast to Pegasus) [FTAA-2512-1157]**

This letter (and enclosures) is NZTA's response under section 70(4) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

Enclosed are tabulated responses from NZTA on comments from the following:

- Canterbury Regional Council (ECan)
- Waimakariri District Council (WDC)
- The Director-General of Conservation (DOC)

Each table includes:

- the amendment suggested by the commenter
- the reasons provided by the commenter, and
- NZTA's response to the suggested amendment (i.e. whether NZTA accepts or rejects the suggested amendment, and the reasons for that position).

The tables have been prepared with the assistance of NZTA's experts.

Also enclosed are revised condition sets for:

- the Wildlife Act approval
- the resource consents, and
- the designation.

As requested by the Panel,¹ the 3 July 2026 versions of these conditions have been used as the base documents. Red underlining and strikethrough are taken from the Panel's draft decision, blue underlining and strikethrough are taken from NZTA's 3 July 2026 response to the draft decision, and green underlining and strikethrough show the changes now proposed by NZTA in response to the comments by others.

NZTA acknowledges and appreciates the comments from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) and has no further responses given there are no matters in contention. Accordingly, this letter does not enclose a table discussing the comments of HNZPT, and does not enclose revised conditions for the archaeological authorities.

With respect to the comments made by Jan Vlk of 54 Whitefield Street, NZTA notes that these comments are out of scope in relation to this application. The existing designation authorises the operational noise effects of the Project, and NZTA has not sought any changes to the operational noise conditions. However,

¹ Minute 11 of the Expert Panel, 7 July 2026.

NZTA is happy to provide a copy of the final operational noise assessment to Jan Vlk separately to this FTAA process.

NZTA thanks all the administering agencies and commenters for their engagement in this process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bill Harrington', written in a cursive style.

Bill Harrington

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