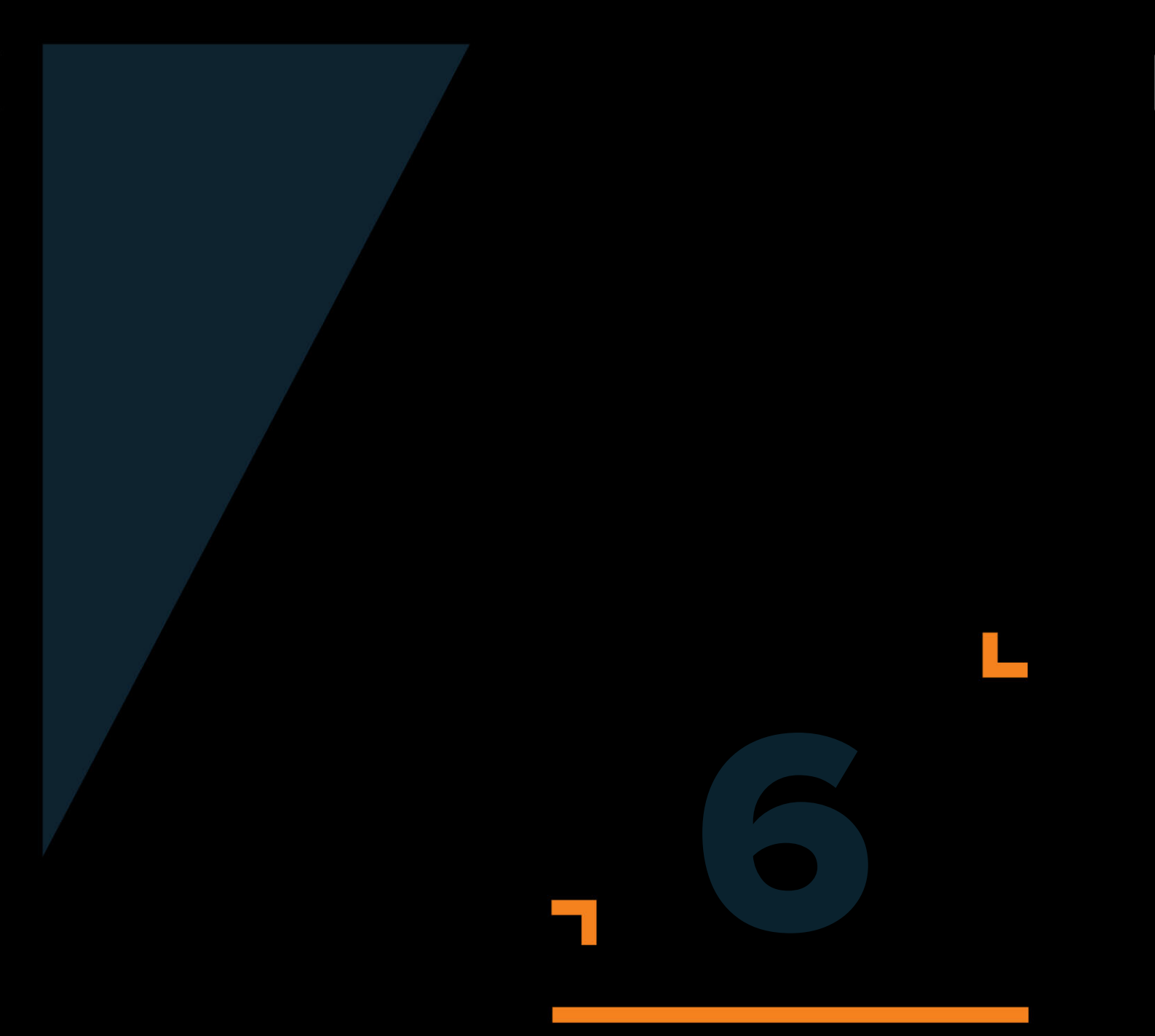




ATTACHMENT 6

KiwiRail Letter of Support

28 April 2025

Peter Dynes

Southern Link Property Limited

C/- 24 Donald Street

Kaikorai Valley

Dunedin

Dear Peter

Southern Link Property Limited – Southern Link Inland Port

The purpose of this letter is to summarise the discussions between KiwiRail, Southern Link Property Limited and other related commercial partners regarding the development of Southern Link Logistics Park “**Southern Link Inland Port**” and your current application for referral under Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

KiwiRail have previously provided submissions and general support to the draft Dunedin Future Development Strategy 2024-2054 (Strategy) direction, as it is aligned to several of KiwiRail's key strategic planning objectives. Our feedback on the Strategy provided background about the importance of planning for rail freight capacity – coupled with specific comments on selected parts of the draft Strategy. KiwiRail was pleased to see the identification of an indicative site for an Inland Port/Freight Hub in the FDS, which includes the proposed location of the Southern Link Inland Port.

Rail enables the efficient movement of large volumes of goods. It connects our ports and regions, allowing goods to get to and from international markets. This contributes to both national economic productivity and regional economic growth, supporting businesses, producers and tourism.

KiwiRail hauls 25% of all exports, playing a significant role in the movement of dairy products, meat, pulp and paper exports, coal and logs. Efficient rail connections to ports are therefore a critical component of the network.

The approximately 600-kilometre Main South rail Line (MSL) traverses the lower half of the South Island, from Christchurch to Invercargill. Within Otago the rail network is supplemented with connections to the Ports of Otago facilities at Port Chalmers (the Port Chalmers Spur) and to Fonterra and the cool store facilities in Mosgiel via the remaining public components of the Taieri Line.



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Proposed Southern Link Inland Port

The concept of **Southern Link Inland Port** will provide a more efficient method of transitioning freight between road, rail and the Port. By co-locating with other rail users, inland ports are able to drive efficiencies that would be cost prohibitive to single users, and with scale, are able to increase the serviced catchment area leading to more efficient network utilisation.

That co-location is evident at the proposed Southern Link site as it is adjacent to the existing rail served Fonterra distribution centre at Mosgiel.

We are presently accelerating work to reach agreement on the preferred design and costings for new rail infrastructure at the planned Southern Link Inland Port. This is the first step towards unlocking the provisionally approved funding from the Regional Infrastructure Fund to establish a rail siding at the proposed Southern Link Inland Port. We expect this important piece of work to be completed mid-May 2025, and will enable KiwiRail and Southern Link Property Limited to finalise lease and commercial freight agreements so that the project may be progressed.

KiwiRail's commitment to a capital contribution towards construction of the new rail siding infrastructure, lease between the parties and a freight carriage agreement is subject Executive and Board approval.

We look forward to partnering with you to make this development a success for the region.

Kind regards

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Alan Piper

Executive General Manager Freight Markets

KiwiRail