



North West Rapid Transit Fast-track Application

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Dear Expert Panel at the Environmental Protection Authority,

We are writing to provide comments on the North West Rapid Transit project currently under fast-track consideration.

We are residents at [REDACTED] Auckland. Our property is directly adjacent to State Highway 16, between [REDACTED] and sits immediately beside the corridor where the proposed rapid transit infrastructure is proposed.

While we recognise the broader public benefits of improved rapid transit in northwest Auckland, we are extremely concerned about the direct and potentially severe impacts this project may have on our health, wellbeing, and overall quality of life if robust mitigation measures are not implemented.

1. Significant increase in noise and vibration impacts

The addition of rapid transit infrastructure closer to residential properties has the potential to **substantially increase**:

- Continuous transport noise throughout the day and nights
- Braking, acceleration, and operational noise from transit vehicles
- Vibration impacts on adjacent homes
- Overall loss of peace

Without strong mitigation measures, these impacts could seriously affect our ability to:

- sleep adequately
- work from home
- enjoy normal day-to-day living within our property

We therefore request clear and specific information on:

- Whether continuous and effective noise barriers will be installed along this section
- The projected increase in operational noise levels resulting from the project
- Whether vibration effects on nearby homes have been assessed
- What enforceable noise and vibration standards will apply during both construction and operation

2. Landscaping, visual buffering, and privacy impacts

We also seek confirmation on whether substantial planting and landscaping buffers will be provided.

As the proposed corridor will be located closer to existing residential dwellings, we are concerned that residents' privacy and sense of separation from the transport corridor will be significantly reduced. Appropriate landscaping and planting are therefore essential not only to reduce visual impacts, but also to help restore privacy, soften the appearance of the infrastructure, and provide an effective environmental buffer for adjacent homes.

3. Construction impacts – duration and environmental effects

We are concerned about the intensity and duration of construction activities, particularly:

- extended construction periods and prolonged disruption
- dust, emissions, and potential contamination impacts given the close proximity to homes
- sustained construction noise over an extended timeframe

We request detailed information on how these effects will be managed and monitored.

4. Property value and residential amenity

The proposed corridor will bring major transport infrastructure even closer to our property boundary, raising serious concerns regarding:

- long-term degradation of residential amenity
- reduced enjoyment and livability of the property
- potential reduction in property value due to increased infrastructure impacts

We ask whether NZTA has assessed these impacts for directly affected residential properties, and whether any form of mitigation, compensation, or property protection measures will be considered.

5. Minimum mitigation requirements to maintain acceptable residential living conditions

Given the scale and proximity of this project to existing homes, we consider that meaningful mitigation measures are essential to maintain a reasonable quality of life for residents living directly adjacent to the corridor.

At a minimum, we consider the project should include:

- continuous, high-quality acoustic barriers
- dense landscaping and planting buffers to assist with noise reduction, visual screening, and privacy protection
- low-noise design and operational measures
- ongoing monitoring and enforceable limits for noise and vibration impacts

Without these protections, the project risks creating unacceptable long-term impacts on the daily living conditions, wellbeing, privacy, and residential amenity of the households located immediately beside the corridor.

We respectfully request a detailed response addressing these concerns and outlining the specific mitigation measures proposed for properties adjacent to this section of State Highway 16. Our contact information is summarised in the table below.

Kind regards,

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