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New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

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Request for information from New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) in relation to the Takitimu North Link – Stage 2 application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

The Takitimu North Link – Stage 2 Expert Panel (the Panel) has directed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to request further information from you under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), relating to the Takitimu North Link – Stage 2 application.

At the direction of the Panel, the EPA is seeking seeking further information from NZTA regarding **road safety implications north of the Takitimu North Link Stage 2 (TNL2) project**. Specifically, the concerns relate to:

- **Safety risks on SH2 north of the project** due to higher speeds from the proposed 110 km/h limit on TNL2 and removal of the Ōmokoroa roundabout, which may lead to increased crash risk in an already high-crash area.
- **Evaluation of interchange options:** The rationale and assumptions behind selecting a grade-separated interchange at Ōmokoroa Road instead of an at-grade roundabout.
- **Crash migration and economic assessment:** Whether NZTA has assessed the potential for crashes to migrate north of the project and accounted for this disbenefit in its economic analysis.
- **Safety assessments:** Provision of any safe systems assessment or road safety audit undertaken for the project.
- **Supporting documentation:** A copy of the 2017 Detailed Business Case referenced in the application.

These requests aim to clarify whether adequate mitigation measures have been considered to prevent increased safety risks on SH2 north of the project following implementation of TNL2.

See full details in **Appendix 1: “Information Request – Road Safety”**

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In accordance with section 67(2) of the Act NZTA must:

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

The Panel recognises that the applicant is currently preparing responses to comments received from invited parties, and that some safety-related matters may be addressed in those responses. To avoid duplication, the Panel requests only the information that will not be included in the applicant's response.

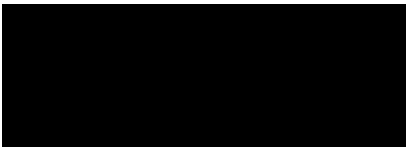
Accordingly, please provide the requested information to the EPA by **16 January 2026**. If the information is not received by this date, the Panel will proceed on the basis that the request for further information has been declined.

If the information requested is not received, the Panel must proceed as if the request for further information has been declined.

Please note, the information will be provided to the Panel, the applicant and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the Fast-track website.

If you have any questions, please contact Application Lead, [REDACTED] by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz

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