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New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

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Tēnā koe

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 further information from NZTA regarding the **Waipapa Stream Bridge**, following the attached advice from its technical advisor relating to traffic and transportation matters, dated 28 January 2026.

Specifically, the Panel requests the following information:

1. Confirmation that the ownership and responsibility for operating the Waipapa Stream bridge lies with NZTA on behalf of the Crown.
2. An explanation as to why widening of the Waipapa Stream Bridge has not been included as part of the Project in light of the recommendations in the Safety Audit Report, December 2021.
3. An estimate of the cost of undertaking (design and construction) the widening of the Waipapa Stream Bridge in accordance with the recommendation by Mr Harrison. This should be undertaken by an appropriate expert and include any limitations in relation to its accuracy.

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4. Any other legal, practical, or planning/consenting considerations which are considered relevant to the Panel's imposition of the condition recommended by Mr Harrison.
5. Any alternative solutions to address the safety issue identified by Mr Harrison and in the December 2021 Road Safety Audit report and acknowledged by the Applicant. This response should include any specific *Augier* condition(s) the Applicant is willing to offer to address these issues and provide greater assurance to the Panel in light of Mr Harrison's recommendation.

Supply of Information

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.

Accordingly, please provide the requested information to the EPA by **5 p.m. on Thursday 5 February 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.

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, Mujahid Musa by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz

Nāku noa, nā



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