

*under:* the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

*in the matter of:* applications for resource consents and archaeological authorities and notices of requirement by the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi to develop a rapid transit link and associated infrastructure and connections between Brigham Creek and Auckland City centre, alongside State Highway 16, known as 'North West Rapid Transit'

*applicant:* **New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi**  
*Requiring Authority and Applicant*

Memorandum of counsel on behalf of the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

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Dated: 19 June 2026

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## MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY WAKA KOTAHI

- 1 This memorandum is filed on behalf of the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) in relation to the North West Rapid Transit Project (NWRT or *Project*).
- 2 This memorandum responds to the Panel's Minute 11 dated 9 June 2026 (*Minute 11*) which granted NZTA's request for suspension and stated that "[u]nless advised otherwise, processing of the application would resume on 12.01am on 23 June 2026".
- 3 NZTA sought a suspension of the Application to provide time *"to work with Council to ensure that alignment within the Council, and with NZTA, in relation to the Project is reflected in co-ordinated comments provided to assist the Panel"*.<sup>1</sup>
- 4 As set out in the **attached** letter, NZTA and Council:
  - 4.1 *"reaffirm their strong strategic support for the project and its role in delivering critical transport outcomes to support growth in Auckland's northwest... confirm that the project remains a shared strategic priority, and our joint view is that the statutory approval outcomes should enable its efficient delivery"*; and
  - 4.2 have agreed a set of strategic principles that will guide the facilitated discussions on designation and resource consent conditions for the Project.
- 5 Facilitated discussions between NZTA and Council are scheduled for Tuesday 23 June and Wednesday 24 June.
- 6 Accordingly, NZTA requests, in accordance with s64 FTAA, that the Panel extend the suspension to allow those facilitated discussions with Council to occur before NZTA is required to lodge its response to the Council's comments.
- 7 NZTA is not requesting a specific length for the suspension at this time. The length of the suspension required will depend on the amount of progress made during the facilitated discussions. NZTA will request that processing be resumed in accordance with s65 FTAA at the appropriate time.

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<sup>1</sup> Memorandum of Counsel dated 8 June 2026, paragraph 12.

- 8 NZTA anticipates the suspension extension would be on the same terms as the initial suspension (ie as set out in paragraphs 6 – 9 of the Panel's Minute 11).

**Dated 19 June 2026**



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