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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 the following information regarding to **Francis Road Options Assessment**.

1. Has NZTA assessed alternative vertical alignments for Francis Road and optimised the earthworks required?
2. Has NZTA considered the alternative of a retaining wall along the eastern side of Francis Road between approximately Chainages 200 and 400?

See full details in **Appendix 1: "INFORMATION REQUEST – FRANCIS ROAD OPTIONS ASSESSMENT"**

**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.

Please provide the further information to the EPA by **16 January 2026**.

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

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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](mailto:info@fasttrack.govt.nz)

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