

To Trevor Robinson, Hearing Panel Chair

Cc Ash Morton-Adair, Hearing Administrator

From Adrienne Black, Regional Principal Transport Planner, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

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Subject Response to Hearing Panel regarding follow up question - Hearing Stream 5

1. I appeared at Hearing Stream 5 on Monday 23 May to address the hearing panel's questions regarding the safety upgrades on State Highway 58. The panel's questions were addressed by myself, on behalf of Waka Kotahi.
2. One question the hearing panel sought clarification on which I could not respond to at that time was the version of the Porirua and Hutt Valley district plans that were factored into the modelling undertaken as part of the SH58 Safety Improvements project.
3. As a definite answer could not be provided at the time of the hearing, it was advised that the relevant district plan versions will be confirmed with the Waka Kotahi project team, and a formal response be provided in due course. The paragraph below outlines my response to the hearing panel's question.
4. The growth assumptions used as a basis for the SH58 Safety Improvements assessment were derived from 2019 population projections and were informed by conversations with Porirua City Council and Hutt City Council. This was the best information available at that time and was based on the following district plans – the operative Porirua District Plan and operative Hutt City District Plan.
5. I would like to reiterate that the purpose of the SH58 Safety Improvements project is to address the current safety issues occurring on SH58. Waka Kotahi acknowledges that there will be an increase in traffic volumes on SH58, particularly with Transmission Gully now open. Despite the anticipated increase in traffic volumes, the focus of the SH58 Safety Improvements project is not to increase road capacity to accommodate an increase in traffic along the SH58 corridor. The west-east connection programme business case will look at what is needed to address increases in traffic volume from a wider network perspective.

Regards



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System Design, on behalf of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency