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**To:**

**The Chair**

**Proposed Porirua District Plan Hearings Panel**

I refer to Minute 6 from the Panel, dated 18 October 2021. You have asked for feedback on the request from Kāinga Ora to delay submissions on noise and vibration rules from the State Highway and the Rail Corridor. In my submission on the PDP I made comment on the proposed noise rules from these two activities.

I make the following comments with respect to Kāinga Ora's request:

- I agree with Kāinga Ora, that national agreement on these matters will be extremely useful if such a national standard was compiled prior to the submissions being heard on the Porirua PDP.
- Kāinga Ora cites plan changes currently being considered in Whangarei, Waikato District, Christchurch, Selwyn and New Plymouth. I note that none of those have the situation we have in Porirua, where the rail corridor carries significant commuter trains along with freight and where the rail corridor is adjacent to SH1 in places. There would need to be a national standard agreed and adopted for there to be benefit to the Porirua PDP process.
- Given recent submissions by Waka Kotahi and Kiwi Rail on other plan changes and the subsequent outcomes, I have reservation that a national standard will be agreed in an acceptable timeframe. My opinion is based on historical performance rather than their current direction.
- While I have doubt that we will see a national standard for rail and highway noise and vibration, in an acceptable timeframe, I have no issue in delaying these matters. I believe that any request to delay should not extend the hearings beyond the originally proposed timeframes.
- Should the Panel take up Kāinga Ora's suggestion of a conference, I would welcome the opportunity to participate if I am available at the nominated time.

Kind regards



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