

21st October 2021

Porirua City Council
16 Cobham Court
Porirua 5022

Attention: Jack Marshall- Manager Democratic Services (Acting)

By email only: Jack.Marshall@porirua.govt.nz; dpreview@pcc.govt.nz

Dear Jack,

**RE: PROPOSED PORIRUA DISTRICT PLAN HEARING STREAM 4- WAKA KOTAHI NZ
TRANSPORT AGENCY RESPONSE TO KĀINGA ORA MEMORANDUM**

Thank you for providing Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) with the opportunity to provide comment on Kāinga Ora's request to defer hearing of submissions and further submissions addressing the effects of noise and vibration from the State Highway and Rail corridors to a later hearing stream, rather than Hearing 4 as per the current hearing timetable.

Waka Kotahi has reviewed Kāinga Ora's request and the rationale set out in their memorandum. The request is not opposed by Waka Kotahi. Notwithstanding, Waka Kotahi still seeks timely decision-making, and does not wish to see an unreasonable deferral to the hearing of these matters.

Waka Kotahi agrees that there are a number of proceedings across the country hearing on similar matters, and that additional time to work on reaching an agreement on these matters outside of hearing processes could be helpful. However, it is noted that a decision is anticipated to be issued on noise and vibration matters within the Proposed Waikato District Plan at the end of 2021. Furthermore, a decision is expected to be issued by the Environment Court on noise and vibration matters within the Whāngarei City Council's Urban and Services Plan Changes in the first quarter of 2022. Therefore, Waka Kotahi seeks that the hearing of the submissions in respect of the noise and vibration matters within the Porirua District are not deferred beyond the first half of 2022.

Waka Kotahi is open to attending a procedural conference with any interested parties if the hearing panel considers that it is necessary.

If you have any queries regarding the above or wish to discuss matters further, please feel free to contact Claudia Jones via email at Claudia.Jones@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jones'.

Claudia Jones

Planner

Environmental Planning, System Design, on behalf of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.