

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Reference: Council-2022-0997

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Central Otago District Council
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Attention: Hearing Administrator

Sent via: districtplan@codc.govt.nz

Dear Hearings Panel/Hearing Administrator,

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Submitter 9) – Letter to be tabled for Plan Change 19, Stage 1 - Provisions Hearing

Waka Kotahi made a submission and further submission on the Central Otago District Council's 'Plan Change 19'. In particular, through its submission Waka Kotahi sought changes to policies LRZ-P6 and MRZ-P7, and supported the following provisions being retained as notified: LLRZ-P5, LRZ-P5, MRZ-P6, LRZ-O2, MRZ-O2, and MRZ-R2.

Waka Kotahi has now reviewed the s42A report for 'Stage 1 – Provisions'. Upon review of the recommendations in that report and further reflection of relevant submission points, Waka Kotahi is opting to not attend the Hearing and instead requests that this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panels consideration.

Brief comments from Waka Kotahi to the planner's recommendations on the aforementioned provisions are set out below.

Policies LRZ-P6 and MRZ-P7

Through its submission Waka Kotahi sought that clause (2) of each of these two policies be amended to include the words 'and transport infrastructure' to recognise that future residential development is required to be adequately supported by transport infrastructure. The s42A report has accepted the submission points made by Waka Kotahi and subsequently has recommended those additional words be added to clause (2) of both policy LRZ-P6 and policy MRZ-P7. It follows that Waka Kotahi supports the recommendations of the s42A report on the amendments made to these policies.

LLRZ-P5, LRZ-P5 and MRZ-P6

Through its submission, Waka Kotahi supported the retention of these provisions, as notified. At paragraph 81 of the s42A report, various recommended changes to these provisions are detailed. Waka Kotahi supports the recommended changes, as the requirement for non-residential activities to maintain road safety and efficiency remains unaltered and the other recommended changes appear to provide greater clarity to the provisions.

LRZ-O2, MRZ-O2 and MRZ-R2

Through its submission, Waka Kotahi supported the retention of these provisions, as notified. The s42A report recommends no changes to objective LRZ-O2, but has recommended changes to objective MRZ-O2.2 and rule MRZ-R2. Waka Kotahi supports the recommended amendments to objective MRZ-O2.2, as they represent only a very minor change to the notified provision and do not change the general intent of the objective, and in particular, the recognition of the importance of residential development being well-connected remains unaltered by the recommended amendments. Similarly, Waka Kotahi supports the recommended amendments to rule MRZ-R2 as they improve the intent of the provision and clause (d) retains the importance of comprehensive development providing for multi-modal transport options.

Conclusion

Waka Kotahi supports the amendments to the aforementioned objectives, policies and rules as recommended in the s42A report for 'Stage 1 – Provisions'.

Should the Hearings Panel have any queries regarding the above or wish to discuss matters further, please feel free to contact Helen Dempster via email at helen.dempster@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Pursuant to authority delegated by NZ Transport Agency