

31 May 2022

Attn: Jessie Williams
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Via email: Jessie.Williams@chbdc.govt.nz

Hearing Stream 3 – Central Hawkes Bay Proposed District Plan

Dear Jessie,

Waka Kotahi have reviewed the four volumes of the Section 42A reports relating to the rural environment. Waka Kotahi accept all Officer recommendations as they relate to the state highway network. Specifically, Waka Kotahi seeks that the interpretation of ‘Noise Sensitive Activity’ is not changed.

Waka Kotahi seek that the definition of ‘Noise Sensitive Activity’ is retained as written and accepted in the Section 42A – Rural Environments (Vol. 3) – Rural Activities report. To avoid confusion, Waka Kotahi supports the following definition as extracted from the proposed district plan:

NOISE SENSITIVE ACTIVITY	<p>means any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. buildings used for residential activity b. <u>marae</u> & urupa c. place of worship d. visitor accommodation e. teaching areas and sleeping/wellness rooms in an educational facility f. home-based education and care service g. day care facility h. hospital or sleeping/wellness rooms in a health care facility i. rest home or retirement village <p>but does not include an activity if it was not lawfully established.</p>
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Outdoor noise sensitive activities are imperative to be included within the interpretation as activities should be assessed in a complete sense. Waka Kotahi concurs with the reporting officer’s comments as follows, *“to limit the definition so that it only applies to noise sensitive activities within buildings, and not the open area around the buildings, ignores the impact that noise can have on the occupiers of a property.”*

Waka Kotahi no longer wish to be heard at the hearing and instead seek that this letter be tabled. I am available via telephone or Zoom if the Hearing panel have any questions for me. Waka Kotahi reserve the right of appeal if the interpretation of a noise sensitive activity is altered.

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