

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Reference: D220001 Rakaia Weigh Right

15 December 2022

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Dear Jane

**RE: WAKA KOTAHI NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY - DECISION ON NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT D220001  
RAKAIA WEIGH RIGHT FACILITY - CORNER OF SH1 AND NORTH RAKAIA ROAD**

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) has reviewed the Selwyn District Council Recommendation Report, dated 8 November 2022 and received on 13 December 2022, regarding the notice of requirement D220001 for an alteration to the existing designation to establish and operate a Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre north of Rakaia.

The Selwyn District Council recommendation generally replicates the detail of the previous Council recommendation on the original notice of requirement that established the designation for the Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre site (D190066). Waka Kotahi accepts the amended wording of condition 1 as it reflects the amended detail of the works proposed at the site resulting from the change to a "southbound only" facility.

When Council made their recommendation on the original notice (D190066), Waka Kotahi responded to Council on 3 July 2020 with its decision on the recommendation including some amendments to specific matters as below.

The purpose of the designation was amended through the previous decision to ensure consistency with the schedule of other state highway designations and the New Zealand Planning Standards. This amendment was adopted and is reflected in the Proposed District Plan as follows:

***Purpose of Designation***

*"State Highway - To undertake construction, maintenance, operation, use and improvements to the state highway network and associated infrastructure."*

Condition 9, relating to the operational management plan, was also amended in the previous Waka Kotahi decision, so this should also be reflected as follows:

***Condition 9***

*"That prior to the commencement of operations, the operational management plan shall be ~~reviewed and approved by~~ provided to the Council's Asset Manager, Transportation"*

This position was again reiterated by Waka Kotahi in the letter responding to queries on D220001 dated 5 December 2022.

The Council recommendation includes "Notes to the Requiring Authority" regarding additional approvals including Vehicle Crossings, Building Act, Regional Consents and the potential for impacts on Council assets. Given the details of the Notice and the requirements of the existing conditions it is likely that any details around the vehicle crossing will be addressed

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through the information provided under Condition 8. Condition 8 states “that prior to the undertaking of construction works, the engineering plans and specifications relating to the upgrades to the local road shall be reviewed and approved by the Council’s Asset Manager, Transportation.” Similarly, as Waka Kotahi has designated the portion of local road subject to the works and operation of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre and is going to upgrade and maintain that portion of the road essentially as part of the state highway, there is minimal potential for any impact on Council road assets.

Pursuant to section 172(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the decision of Waka Kotahi as the requiring authority for the designation is to **accept in part Selwyn District Council’s recommendation** as detailed above. All other aspects of the Council’s recommendation are accepted by Waka Kotahi without modification.

Waka Kotahi also acknowledges the recommendation that the Outline Plan for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre (RC225373) is accepted with no changes.

If any further clarification is required, please contact me directly on 021 910 745 or via email at [richard.shaw@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:richard.shaw@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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**Date: 15 December 2022**

*Pursuant to authority delegated by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency*