

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Reference: 2021-1185

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Otago Regional Council
Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 (Non-freshwater)

Sent via email: hearingsadministrator@orc.govt.nz

Dear Hearings Panel,

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency – Letter to be tabled for Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 Hearings – Chapter 13: HCV – Historical and Cultural Values

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) has opted not to attend the hearing regarding Chapter 13: Historical and Cultural Values of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 (PORPS). Waka Kotahi requests that this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panel's consideration. The Section 42A Hearing Report for Chapter 13 – Historical and Cultural Values of the PORPS has been received (dated 27 April 2022) as well as the Supplementary Evidence (dated 11 October 2022).

The responses from Waka Kotahi to the planner's recommendations on submission points 00305.075-078 and FS00305.098) are set out below.

Chapter 13 – Historical and Cultural Values HCV-HH-P5

Comments on recommendations for HCV-HH- P5 (submission point 00305.075 and FS point FS00305.098)

As a result of attending the prehearing meeting for this chapter, it was decided that the key Waka Kotahi submission point requiring further comment is further submission point FS00305.098, supporting the Director General of Conservation submission point (00137.145) i.e. Waka Kotahi agrees that policy HCV-HH-P5 needs to provide greater clarity for plan users on how to determine whether historic heritage values or features are special or outstanding.

The Section 42A Report recommendation rejected both Waka Kotahi submissions on P5 and P6 and noting that infrastructure EIT-INF-P13 applies instead of HCV-HH-P5(1) to (5). I note that Waka Kotahi planning evidence provided by Helen Dempster on the EIT – Energy, infrastructure and transport chapter addresses Waka Kotahi concerns in relation to EIT-INF-P13.


The Waka Kotahi further submission point on the Director General of Conservation submission point 00137.145 has been clarified and resolved through the prehearing discussion on this matter. The Supplementary Evidence of Andrew Maclennan notes that Appendix 8 has been amended to better align with the assessment criteria and wording used in in Guidelines for Assessing Historic Places and Historic Areas for New Zealand Heritage List/Rarangi Korero (2019) which has been adopted by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga as its significance Assessment Guidelines. App 11- Accidental Discovery Protocol has also been included. These changes better define and clarify what is intended by P5 and hence the proposed changes detailed in the Supplementary Evidence are supported.

Conclusion

The proposed changes by the Supplementary Evidence to Appendix 8 and Appendix 11 and subsequent changes to HCV-HH-P5 satisfies the Waka Kotahi further submission to this chapter.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Waka Kotahi at environmentalplanning@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Shaw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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Pursuant to authority delegated by NZ Transport Agency