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Dear Hearings Panel

Proposed District Plan - Hearing 16 September 2014

The New Zealand Transport Agency made submissions and further submissions on the Proposed District Plan (PDP) and is scheduled to present before the Hearings Panel in early November. However, a number of matters relevant to the Transport Agency are covered within the Section 42A reports being presented this week, including Sections 39 (Transport) and 55 (Road Zone).

Please note that while the Transport Agency is not represented at the 16th September Hearing, it does maintain an interest in all matters raised in its submissions and further submissions and does intend to address these in November. In particular, we intend to provide further information regarding the need to address the potential for reverse sensitivity effects (noise and vibration) in relation to developments establishing near state highways; and the need for the PDP to require integrated transport assessments to enable identification of any effects of different activities on the transport network, and ensure these can be appropriately avoided or mitigated.

Please also note that in making its further submissions, the Transport Agency has opposed in principle a number of submissions seeking rezoning, or similar, to allow more development than currently provided for. The Transport Agency is not necessarily opposed to any or all of the specific requests, however, considers that no such relief should be granted without proper assessment of the effects (including effects on the transport network).

In the meantime, should the Hearings Panel determine as a result of this week's Hearing that it requires specific information to inform its deliberations, which the Transport Agency may be able to provide, please do not hesitate to request this.

Yours sincerely

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