

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Reference: 2021-1861

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Central Otago District Council
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Attention: Hearing Administrator

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Dear Hearings Panel/Hearing Administrator

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Submitter 9) – Letter to be tabled regarding Plan Change 18, Cromwell Industrial Zone Extension

Waka Kotahi made a submission on the Central Otago District Council's (CODC) Plan Change 18 (PC18) to extend the industrial zoning in Cromwell. In its submission Waka Kotahi supported the inclusion of additional industrial land in principle but raised questions regarding the level of transportation assessment that had been completed and notified with the proposal. The additional land was located adjacent to existing industrial zoned land and provided a logical extension of the industrial area and further it was largely representative of the areas identified through the Cromwell Spatial Plan.

Since lodging the submission on PC18 Waka Kotahi has been working with the CODC Transport Advisors to refine and review the transport modelling that has been completed by Abley. This process resulted in further sensitivity testing being completed by Abley which assumed a quicker uptake of industrial land proposed by PC18 through to full development of the site. Waka Kotahi has now reviewed all the modelling outputs for both the initial scenario (with 50% uptake by 2034) and full development, and assessed the potential safety and efficiency impacts. As a result we generally agree with the conclusions of the Abley assessment that the performance of the key connections with the SH6 at McNulty and Cemetery Roads will only be marginally affected by the change in zoning proposed. On that basis Waka Kotahi advises they are satisfied with the transportation assessment completed to support the Plan Change and no longer need appear at the PC18 Hearing and instead requests that this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panel's consideration.

Conclusion

In principle Waka Kotahi supported the extension of industrial zoned land in Cromwell as proposed in PC18. As the transportation impacts of the rezoning and development of the land on the State highway and local network have now been assessed in detail, Waka Kotahi are satisfied that the Plan Change will have a minimal impact on the safety and efficiency of the network.

Should the Hearings Panel have any queries regarding the above or wish to discuss matters further, please feel free to contact either myself at the contact details below or Julie McMinn via email at julie.mcminn@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Shaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and the last name "Shaw" clearly legible.

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