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Sent via: planchanges@kaipara.govt.nz

Dear Paul,

## Hearing Statement for Private Plan Change 82 - Moonlight Heights

I refer to the submission by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) dated 7 March 2023 to Private Plan Change 82 – Moonlight Heights referenced as submission #11.

I have reviewed the Council Officer's Section 42A Report and recommended amendments to the lodged plan change precinct provisions. I note that the Council Officer is in agreement with the majority of the Waka Kotahi submission points. Of specific note being the amendments to Rule 13.13A Awakino Precinct Subdivision – Transportation rules to include specific provisions that will ensure:

- the implementation of the shared path along Awakino Road;
- that a Safe System Approach Assessment of the intersection of Awakino Road/State Highway 12 is undertaken; and
- any mitigation measures identified in the Safe System Approach Assessment are implemented.

The Council Officer has also recommended that the cycle and walking connections are identified on the precinct plan to ensure land is set aside at the time of subdivision for future provisioning of the connections.

I support the Council Officer's recommended amendments to the plan change provisions and believe that they will enable better alignment between the implementation of this plan change and the provision of transport infrastructure upgrades.

For these reasons, Waka Kotahi will not present evidence at the upcoming hearing, and I recommend that the commissioners accept the proposed amendments referred to above. If you have any queries with regard to this letter, please do not hesitate to call me on 021 557 568 or email <u>Tessa.Robins@nzta.govt.nz</u> or <u>environmental.planning@nzta.govt.nz</u>.

Yours sincerely

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