

28 March 2024

Independent Hearing Panel
Proposed Waimakariri District Plan

By email to: audrey.benbrook@wmk.govt.nz

Dear Commissioners,

Proposed Waimakariri District Plan – Hearing Stream 11 (Designations)

KiwiRail Holdings Limited (**KiwiRail**) is the State-Owned Enterprise responsible for the management and operation of the national railway network. This includes managing railway infrastructure and land, as well as rail freight and passenger services within New Zealand. KiwiRail is also the Requiring Authority for land designated "Railway Purposes" in District Plans throughout New Zealand.

KiwiRail's submission sought to retain Designations KRH-1 to KRH-23 with various amendments to correct designation boundaries on the planning maps of the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan.¹ These corrections related to areas where existing railway lines cross over roads which have not been designated, as well as three railway bridges within the existing rail corridor.

The Council Officer accepted KiwiRail's submission and recommended the amendments requested by KiwiRail be made to the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan.²

I confirm that KiwiRail will not be filing evidence on the Designations Hearing and I do not wish to be heard at the Hearing. I am available to answer any questions from the Hearing Panel either in writing or via videoconference if required.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Grinlinton-Hancock".

Michelle Grinlinton-Hancock

RMA Team Leader

KiwiRail Holdings Limited

¹ Submission number 392.98.

² Section 42A Report, p. 29.

