

IN THE MATTER of
the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of
Hearing of submissions and further
submissions on the Proposed Te Tai O
Poutini Plan

MINUTE 15 – Designations

1. In response to matters raised during the Designations hearing I conducted on the 13th of December 2023, the reporting officer (Ms Zhai) has provided a right of reply dated 21st of December 2023 and contained on the TTPP website.
2. In the right of reply and in response to requested amendments to designation boundaries sought by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) - Waka Kotahi contained in the statement of evidence of Mr Pearson, the reporting officer states the following:

I agree that it is appropriate to amend the state highway designation to:

- (a) Align with corrected legalised road boundaries;*
- (b) Cover formed and operational road, including shoulders, existing gravel areas, lay-bys, rockwalls, and other areas which meet the definition of 'road' under the Government Roading Powers Act 1989; and*
- (c) Cover any missed legal road parcels.*

In particular, I note that above amendments relate to existing designations that have been given effect to, and do not enable any new or additional works to occur.

However, the shape files appended to Mr Pearson's statement of evidence show the full extent of the recommended state highway designations. I understand that the Regional Council's GIS team has identified there to be 379 discrete areas of amendments to expand the designation boundaries, and the areas of expansion range from 0.1m² to 82,189m². I also note that the road parcel boundaries in the planning maps have not been updated to align with the corrected LINZ parcel boundaries shown in the shape files provided by Mr Pearson. As such, it cannot be confirmed whether the expanded designation extents apply to existing private property.

Based on this analysis, I consider that the number of amendments sought is high, and there is potential for the recommended expansion areas to result in significant change to the existing state highway designation boundaries. While I acknowledge that this would be a significant undertaking, I consider that Waka Kotahi should show the changes to the designation boundary in greater detail, such as the format included at Appendix B to Mr Pearson's evidence, to ensure that the mapping amendments recommended by Waka Kotahi can be assessed for accuracy.

3. This therefore necessitates a response from Mr Pearson as to whether NZTA – Waka Kotahi are able to provide the necessary information referred to. If possible, it would be helpful to have a response as to whether it is possible to provide this information and how long that might take by the 22nd of January 2024.



Dean Chrystal

Independent Commissioner – Chair

11 January 2024