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Te Tai o Poutini Plan Hearing Panel
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Dear Commissioners,

Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan – Natural Features and Landscapes Hearing

The ‘Section 42A Report – Natural Features and Landscapes’ makes recommendations on six KiwiRail submission points. I have provided responses to the recommendations in the table below.

Submission number	Provision	Comment on Council Officer’s recommendation
S442.054	NFL – P1	KiwiRail sought to retain Policy NFL-P1 as proposed. KiwiRail requests that ‘do not adversely affect’ is reinserted as ‘maintain’ implies there will be no effects. KiwiRail also requests that (g) is reinserted which provides for new infrastructure where there is a functional need.
S442.056	NFL – P3	KiwiRail sought to retain Policy NFL-P3 as proposed. KiwiRail requests the reversal of the replacement of ‘not adversely affected’ with ‘maintained and enhanced’ – as above this wording implies there will be no effects.
S442.055 S442.057 S442.059	NFL – P2 NFL – P5 NFL – R6	KiwiRail accepts the Council Officer’s assessment and recommendation to amend provisions as outlined in the Section 42A Report.
S442.058	NFL – R1	The Council Officer recommends an amendment to delete the express reference to ‘railway’ as notified, and replaced it with a reference to ‘Regionally significant infrastructure’ within an ONL/F. KiwiRail notes that the ‘Section 42A Report - Energy, Infrastructure and Transport’ recommends the inclusion of a definition of ‘Regionally significant infrastructure’ which includes ‘The regional rail networks’. KiwiRail requests that the proposed definition of ‘Regionally significant infrastructure’ is included in the Plan that includes ‘rail network’ or Policy NFL – P1 remains as notified (i.e. referencing ‘railway’ and ‘critical infrastructure’).

I confirm that KiwiRail will not be filing evidence on the Natural Features and Landscapes 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.



Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheena'.

Sheena McGuire
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