

## **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

## Submission on Plan Change 1, Te Puawai Plan Change By Te Puawai Developments Limited

To: Invercargill City Council

Planning Policy Team

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Submitter: Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

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Pursuant to the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), **Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency** (Waka Kotahi) hereby makes this **neutral** submission on the private plan change application by Te Puawai Developments Limited to rezone 70.78 hectares of Rural Zone land in Invercargill to Residential 1 Zone (including a Retirement Village precinct), Residential 1A Zone, Business 4 Zone and for an Outline Development Plan to be inserted into the District Plan. The rezoning would enable urban development of the site including up to 600 residential sections, a retirement village, a shopping and service area and parks and reserves.

The land subject to this plan change is located at 514 Tramway Road, 380 Rockdale Road and 426 Rockdale Road (Lot 2 DP 15056, Lot 1 DP 6969, Lot 1 DP 15056 and Pt Sec 2 Blk I Invercargill Hundred- Crown Land) in the suburb of Rockdale. The land subject to the plan change is located several hundred metres away from State Highway 1 (SH1); Bluff Highway (SH1) is located to the west of the subject site, while Tay Street (SH1) is located to the north of the subject site. The surrounding land to the north and west of the subject site has a residential land use. Land use to the south and east comprises lifestyle blocks, except for the Murihiku Marae that adjoins the subject site to the southwest.

## Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's submission is:

- (1) Waka Kotahi has statutory functions, as defined in section 95 of the Land Transport Management Act. In submitting on this proposal, Waka Kotahi is seeking to give effect to the following statutory functions:
  - · To contribute to an effective, efficient, and safe land transport system in the public interest; and
  - To assist, advise, and co-operate with approved organisations (such as regional councils and territorial authorities).
- (2) The Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) sets out the Governments strategic direction for the land transport system over the next 10 years. The GPS 2021 came into effect on 1 July 2021 and focuses on four strategic priorities, including better travel options and climate change. Waka Kotahi has a role in implementing the strategic direction of the GPS and therefore we encourage the inclusion of multi-modal transport options such as pedestrian footpaths and cycle lanes as a means to implement the aforementioned strategic priorities in the GPS.

(3) It is noted in the Integrated Transport Assessment provided in the application that the applicant intends to construct sections of footpath on Rockdale Road and Tramway Road that would link to footpaths within existing adjoining urban areas. We would advocate that, to best achieve the strategic direction of the GPS, the footpaths should ideally extend along the full length of the site's frontage to Rockdale Road and Tramways Road, and be of a width (2.5 metres) that supports a shared pedestrian and cycle pathway. We consider a shared pathway along those roads would better facilitate multi-modal transport

options from and to the site.

(4) The subject site does not directly connect to the state highway. There are several local roads by which the subject site would access the state highway, which, we consider will reduce the impact of the proposal on the state highway network. The existing local road connections onto the highway in this locale are mostly controlled by roundabouts or traffic signals, and we anticipate those intersections should be able to effectively manage the additional vehicle movements generated by the proposal.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency wishes the consent authority to:

Waka Kotahi wishes the consent authority to consider the above matters as part of any determination of the proposed plan change. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency does <u>not</u> wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Waka Kotahi could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

Dated at Dunedin this 21st day of July 2021.

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Stewart Fletcher

PRINCIPAL PLANNER - ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING / POUTIAKI TAIAO

Pursuant to authority delegated by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

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