

4 November 2024

Independent Hearings Panel  
Proposed Waitomo District Plan  
Waitomo District Council  
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Te Kūiti 3941

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Dear Commissioners,

### Proposed Waitomo District Plan – Tranche 2 – 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.

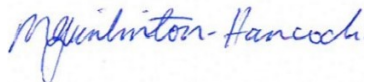
KiwiRail made a submission on the Proposed Waitomo District Plan (**Proposed Plan**) on 23 December 2022.

KiwiRail's submission sought to retain its designation (**KRH01**) as notified in the Proposed Plan.<sup>1</sup> The Council Officer reporting for the Designations chapter (Mr Bell) accepted KiwiRail's submission and recommended KRH01 be rolled over as notified without modification.<sup>2</sup> KiwiRail supports Mr Bell's recommendation.

KiwiRail's submission also opposed the inclusion of Waitomo District Council's new secondary designation over a sewage pump station (**WDC51**) insofar as it overlaps an area of KiwiRail's primary designation on the side of the railway corridor, and sought the extent of WDC51 be removed from KRH01.<sup>3</sup> Mr Bell accepted KiwiRail's submission on the basis that the extent of WDC51 can be amended to pull back the designation from KRH01 without adversely affecting the operation of the pump station site.<sup>4</sup> KiwiRail supports Mr Bell's recommendation to amend the mapped extent of WDC51 in the Proposed Plan to that effect.

KiwiRail has filed evidence on the other Tranche 2 hearing topics on 4 November 2024 and will appear at the hearing commencing 27 November 2024. Ms Butler will be available to answer any questions from the Hearings Panel regarding this letter at the hearing.

Yours faithfully,



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<sup>1</sup> Submission point 51.52.

<sup>2</sup> Section 42A Report – Topic: Designations prepared by Alex Bell dated 21 October 2024 at [38] – [39].

<sup>3</sup> Submission point 51.53.

<sup>4</sup> Section 42A Report – Topic: Designations prepared by Alex Bell dated 21 October 2024 at [49].

