

**BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONERS  
AT PALMERSTON NORTH**

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UNDER

*The Resource Management Act 1991  
("Act")*

AND

IN THE MATTER

*of an application by KiviRail Holdings  
Limited ("KiviRail") under section 168 of  
the Act for a Notice of Requirements for  
the Palmerston North Regional Freight  
Hub*

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**PROCEDURAL MINUTE NO. 2 OF HEARING PANEL  
DATED 8 JULY 2021**

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## **To: Notice of Requirement Process Participants**

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga kaitono - tena koutou. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou. Anei te whakataua a te Komiti, hei arahi i a koutou katoa.

### *Site visit*

- [1] The Panel undertook a site visit on Friday 2 July 2021. During our site visit we were able to visit places and locations that had been identified to us by submitters in their response to our first minute. That was very helpful and the site visit proved useful in assisting us to understand the site, the proposal and the wider context it is proposed to sit in. We also took the opportunity to visit the Tremaine Avenue railway yard which also assisted us to understand the nature of the proposed activities on the site.
- [2] This site visit will not be the last one that the Panel undertakes. We will undertake further site visits through the course of the hearing process.

### *Request for further information from KiwiRail*

- [3] During our site visit we carefully considered the extent of change proposed on the site. Before our site visit, we had asked KiwiRail to provide a structure to indicate the anticipated height of the bunding on the Sangsters Road frontage of the site, which KiwiRail were unable to do within the timeframe. While KiwiRail had reservations on us doing so, we engaged the services of a drone operator to provide us with an indication of the anticipated height using various heights above ground level outside the three entrances to the driveways at the eastern end of Sangsters road. We recognise the drone was of limited use and was not reliable given the undulating topography. We consider visual simulations of the bunding proposed along this boundary at these points, would be more helpful and would better show the undulating existing and proposed ground levels relative to residences in that locality.
- [4] During our visit to the Tremaine Avenue site, we also observed lighting towers. We consider it would be useful having observed these towers to

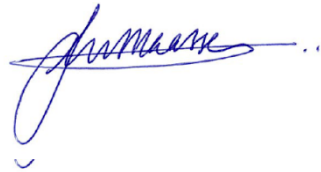
understand their height, in order to gain an understanding of how light towers would appear within the site.

[5] Accordingly, we note that it would be helpful if KiwiRail provide (if it is not already part of the evidence it will lodge) the following information as soon as practicable:

- (a) Visual simulations showing the proposed bunding along the Sangsters Road frontage.
- (b) Confirmation of the height of the light towers on the Tremaine Avenue site.

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