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Via email: [Keegan.aplin-thane@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:Keegan.aplin-thane@pncc.govt.nz)

Dear Keegan,

**RE: PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE C – KIKIWHENUA RESIDENTIAL AREA**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional feedback on Proposed Plan Change C to the Palmerston North District Plan.

This submission from the NZ Transport Agency (Transport Agency) is in response to Minute no. 3 circulated by the commissioners and the 'PNCC Third response to Commissioners minute of 13 September 2019'.

This submission seeks to respond to those matters directly raised in the above documents and seeks that the Transport Agency's previous submissions where they remain relevant to the decision process will be accepted by the hearings panel.

Yours faithfully,

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**NZTA Response to Minute No. 3**

**Palmerston North District Plan– Proposed Plan Change C:  
Kikiwhenua Residential Area**

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- 1 **The Transport Agency thanks the commissioners for the opportunity to provide a further response to Minute No. 3 and 'PNCC Third response to Commissioners minute of 13 September 2019' submitted to Council, dated September 2019.**
- 2 The Transport Agency remains supportive of the overall intent of Proposed Plan Change C – Kikiwhenua Residential Area.
- 3 **Recommended Performance Standard**
  - 3.1 NZTA has considered the further explanation and additional performance standard proposed in 'PNCC Third response to Commissioners minute of 13 September 2019' (PNCC Third Response). The Transport Agency has no objection to the inclusion of the proposed performance standard.
  - 3.2 However, as previously communicated to the hearings panel, NZTA cannot provide certainty that the speed limit on State Highway 56 will be reduced during a speed limit review.
- 4 **Process and Timeframes (Intersection Upgrade and Speed Limits)**
  - 4.1 Included within the 'PNCC Third response to Commissioners minute of 13 September 2019' was reference to a timeline for a review of the speed limit on State Highway 56. NZTA can confirm that at this time the process and timeframe for undertaking that process (with respect to those matters under NZTA's control) remain as it has been presented to the hearing panel.
  - 4.2 The Transport Agency also acknowledges the requirement by applicants to submit a Traffic Impact Assessment and consideration of whether the Transport Agency is an affected party at the time of applying for subdivision consent. It is considered

that these requirements provide a stopgap to ensure that potential adverse effects to the Safe and Efficient operation of the State Highway are addressed at the appropriate time irrespective of the outcome from the speed limit reduction or timing of intersection upgrades.

- 5 The Transport Agency reiterates the relevance of its original submission and further submissions and asks that where they remain relevant they are accepted by the commissioners.

Dated at Palmerston North the 19th day of November 2019.



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*Pursuant to a delegation from the Chief Executive of the NZ Transport Agency.*



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