14 September 2026

Hearings Panel
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Dear Commissioners,

Waitaki District Council Proposed District Plan – Hearing Stream 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 with New Zealand. KiwiRail is also the Requiring Authority for land designated "Railway Purposes" in district plans throughout New Zealand.

KiwiRail made a submission on Proposed District Plan on 15 May 2025 and further submission on 22 May 2026.

KiwiRail generally supports the intent of Proposed District Plan. However, it is critical that the Proposed District Plan adequately recognises and provides for the rail network as regionally and nationally significant infrastructure. By submitting on Proposed District Plan, KiwiRail seeks to protect its ability to operate, maintain and upgrade the rail infrastructure in the district.

The Council Officers has accepted KiwiRail's submission points on its designations. These submission points are discussed further in this letter. KiwiRail's position on these recommendations is set out in the table below.

Sub #	Provision	Officer Recommendation	Response to Council Officers' recommendations
233.124 233.125	Roll Over of Existing Designation – Main South Railway Designation (KRH-1 Designation Purpose- Railway) (Waiareka Rail Line – KRH-2 Designation Purpose – Railway)	Officer supports and accepts that it is appropriate to retain these designations where the requiring authority has confirmed	KiwiRail accepts the recommendation
233.126	North Otago Irrigation Scheme Designation Unique Identifier NOIC – 1 Designation P	Officer agrees to accept in part KiwiRail submission with the Designation Schedule accurately records designation hierarchy where designations overlap. The extent of accepting the	KiwiRail accepts in part

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		submission in part is that any necessary hierarchy, site identifier or mapping correction should be made, Officer does not recommend adding broader wording about ownership or access permits. Accept in part only	
233.127	Lower Waitaki Flood Protection Scheme Designation Unique Identifier ORC-1 Designation	Officer agrees to accept in part with KiwiRail submission with the Designation Schedule accurately records designation hierarchy where designations overlap. The extent of accepting the submission in part is that any necessary hierarchy, site identifier or mapping correction should be made, Officer does not recommend adding broader wording about ownership or access permits. Accept in part only	KiwiRail accepts the recommendation in part
233.128	Moeraki Wastewater Treatment Plant Designation Unique Identifier WDC-49 Designation	Officer recommends accepting in part KiwiRail's submission and states that secondary designation apply under the provisions of s.177 for all works within the KiwiRail designations	KiwiRail accepts in part
233.129	Moeraki Wastewater Disposal Field Designation Unique Identifier WDC – 112 Designation	Officer supports submission and accepts KiwiRail submission	KiwiRail accepts the recommendation
233.130	Oamaru Sewer Pump Station and Stormwater Detention Pond- Spivey Lane (FPSP1000) Designation	Officer supports and accepts KiwiRail submission	KiwiRail accepts the recommendation

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233.131	Planning Maps (General)	Officer accepts KiwiRail submission for amendments to planning maps to update the rail corridor designation KRH-01 in line with provided shapefile.	KiwiRail accepts the recommendation

At this stage, KiwiRail does not wish to be heard at the hearing for Hearing Stream 2 for Designations and respectfully requests this letter is tabled as a record of KiwiRail's position. I am available to answer any questions from the Hearings Panel either in writing or via videoconference if required.

Yours faithfully,



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