

**NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY FURTHER SUBMISSION ON MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT PLAN
PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 50 – HOBBITON DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN, 487, 501 AND 502
BUCKLAND ROAD, MATAMATA**

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Introduction

The NZ Transport Agency (Transport Agency) has an interest greater than the interest of the public in general, as the Transport Agency has a responsibility under the Land Transport Management Act 2003 to contribute to an efficient, effective and safe transport system in the public interest. The Transport Agency is responsible for the integration of transport planning, funding and delivery under the Government Roadway Powers Act 1989 and the Resource Management Act 1991.

Further Submission

1. The Transport Agency **supports in part** the submission of Matamata-Piako District Council (submitter 13). Specifically, the following amendments proposed by the submitter are supported by the Transport Agency as they are either considered improvements to the plan change provisions or necessary to ensure the safety and efficiency of the transport network is not compromised:
 - New Performance Standard 1.1.X Earthworks (particularly the requirement not to track material onto roads).
 - New Performance Standard 1.1.Y Traffic Management - Subject to confirmation of whether State Highways are included within the 'road network' and clarification of the contents of the MOU and exactly what performance standards are proposed.
 - Performance Standard 1.1.7(g) Parking, Loading Formation and Manoeuvring (particularly reference to the NZ Transport Agency's Traffic Control Devices Manual).

- Performance Standard 1.1.8(a) Visitor Numbers - Subject to clarification of the timeframes that the daily visitor cap of 3,500 can be exceeded for events (the additional text proposed appears to contradict the existing text).
 - Matters of Discretion:
 - Amended matter of discretion 1.A.a) The traffic effects and mitigation measures, including effects on the road network, parking, access, loading and signage.
 - New matter of discretion 1.A.h) Signage.
2. The NZ Transport Agency does **not support** the amendment to 1.1.12 (Signage) proposed by Matamata-Piako District Council as it is considered that the reasoning for the amendment does not relate to provision specified and it is unclear exactly what change is sought.
3. The NZ Transport Agency does **not support** the submission of Carolyn and John Evans, and John Evans (submitters 7 and 8 respectively). Specifically, the amendment proposed by the submitter seeking a roundabout at the corner of Hopkins Road and SH29 is not supported. An improvement such as this on a state highway requires approval from the NZ Transport Agency and would require further assessment.
4. The NZ Transport Agency does **not support** the submission of J Swap Contractors Ltd (submitter 14) in relation to Rule 9.1.1. Specifically, the Transport Agency does not support improvements to the western end of Buckland Road that would provide incentives for visitors to Hobbiton to utilise this route. Significant effort has been made to reinforce the eastern end of Buckland Road as the primary and preferred route and avoid State Highway 1/Karapiro Road.

The Transport Agency does not wish to be heard in support of this further submission.

A copy of this submission has been provided to the relevant submitters.



Signed by Jenni Fitzgerald (Principal Planning Advisor)
Under delegated authority for
the NZ Transport Agency

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Date