

We are Pita and Helen Kinaston, we live at 824A Roberts Line. In relation to the designation sought our property is located next to the stormwater retention ponds. Our property sits outside the designation but would be significantly affected by it.

Our submission number is 27. We speak to you today on behalf of our family, including our 2 children who live at home with us.

We have lived at our property for 12 ½ years. We were attracted to the location as it is a relatively quiet rural environment with ample space but still handy to the city and although we have a large road frontage being on a corner, we have a high level of quiet and privacy which we enjoy and value. Our property is zoned rural and we anticipate that any activities surrounding our property need to fit in with that.

Our concerns about KiwiRail's Notice of Requirement are the ongoing impact of the construction and operation of the freight hub on our quiet rural area.

Our property sits outside the Notice of Requirement but stands to be substantially affected by the effects of the Notice of Requirement as sought.

The effects that we are concerned about include:

Noise from the earthworks and construction of the freight hub.

We have concerns about the noise associated with the earthworks relating to and the construction of the freight hub. The construction and related earthworks machinery will have a large negative impact on our current noise environment. In KiwiRail's proposed conditions Table 1 construction noise limits, page 11, indicates L_{Aeq} noise levels on weekdays between the hours 0630 to 0730hrs at 55dB I believe this should be 50dB in line with the current rural zone limits and the limit between 2200hrs to 0630hrs should be 40dB again in line with current rural zone limits. In the weekends the 40dB limit should go from 1800hrs to 0800hrs to provide some relief from construction noise. There should be no construction allowed on public holidays.

Noise from the operation of the freight hub – we are concerned about the ongoing nature of the noise that will be created from the operation of the freight hub, particularly as KiwiRail are wanting it to be a 24-hour operation. We would seek that the highest level of noise mitigation be imposed.

In the operation of the hub table 3 on page 14 of the proposed KiwiRail conditions they have a noise level at all times of 55dB L_{Aeq} (1hr). We do not believe this level is fair for night time activities at the HUB and needs to be reduced between the hours of 2200hrs to 0700hrs to 45dB.

Nigel Lloyd in his section 42 Technical Evidence states that the KiwiRail Acoustic Assessment identifies that the Freight Hub will generate noise levels that will impact in an adverse way on the surrounding community but does not provide any certainty as to what the noise mitigation measures will be or the final outcomes. The proposed draft conditions rely on noise management plans to be written at some time in the future which is concerning. At all

the exact size of the ponds but the Statement of Evidence of Allan Leahy on behalf of KiwiRail on stormwater and flooding states that it is an area of 41,000m². There appear to be 2 ponds so that is potentially 20,500 square metres being excavated right next to our property. We want to be assured that we have some protections and that the structural integrity of our dwelling and property is not going to be adversely affected by such a large-scale excavation. Nigel Lloyd in the section 42A Technical Evidence notes that houses within 50 metres of construction works may be affected by construction vibration to the extent that "enhanced mitigation" might be required to maintain compliance with construction noise and vibration criteria. It is not clear from the Acoustic Assessment what "enhanced mitigation" would involve if vibration levels were to exceed the criteria at our dwelling and how we would even know how to recognise this. The plan to have such a large scale excavation adjacent to our property is very concerning to us and we would seek for it to be further away from our property with a 50 metre buffer zone enforced.

Mr Lloyd noted in his S42A Technical Evidence that KiwiRails Acoustic Assessment considers that the earthworks associated with the ponds to be "standard". Mr Lloyd notes the permitted standard for earthworks in the Rural Zone is 1,000 m³ in any 12 month period; therefore, the earthworks on this site will be extraordinary in terms of size and duration not standard. Mr Lloyd says it will be imperative that temporary barriers be installed and that construction haul roads be carefully located to minimise noise and vibration impacts on neighbours".

We also have concerns regarding nuisance dust and potential effects on our roof water drinking supply and noise during the construction phase as detailed previously.

Stormwater retention ponds being promoted as a recreational area – our 2 immediate neighbours at 824 and 814 Roberts Line are having their properties acquired by KiwiRail, we are now going to be a single house right next door to a large stormwater pond which is proposed to have a recreational walking track around it. We have concerns that this will impact on our privacy and security and do not want to have to share access to our property with this or have a public parking space right next to our house and driveway. There are many recreational reserves around the Manawatu and we don't feel that another is necessary or that this is an appropriate place for one.

The presence of the freight hub will have an adverse impact on our property value and we will receive no compensation for that. That is something that we have to wear and make adjustment for, through no fault of our own. We are requesting that the measures that we have outlined, are taken into account. We expect this as the least that KiwiRail can do in order to mitigate the factors of a large freight hub being set up in what is currently a rural zone.

We also respectfully ask that KiwiRail strive to go above and beyond to put mitigation in place not just that which they are ordered to do. We are the ones who have to live next door to their operation, 24-7, forever and we believe it is their responsibility to do better than the minimum standards.