



**SUBMISSION ON PUBLICLY NOTIFIED NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT FROM THE NZ  
TRANSPORT AGENCY - ALTERATIONS TO THE WAIKATO EXPRESSWAY  
(HAMILTON SECTION) DESIGNATIONS**

Sections 95A(2)(b), 168 and 181 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (Form 21)

**To (hard copy or post):**

- **Waikato District Council** c/- MWH NZ Ltd, PO Box 89, Hamilton 3240, Fax: 07 839 4234, Attn: Andrew Cumberpatch
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**Submissions Close on Wednesday 18 December 2013 at 5.00pm**

**\*\*Please note all sections of the following form need to be completed\*\***

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**THIS IS A SUBMISSION ON A NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FROM THE NZ  
TRANSPORT AGENCY FOR AN ALTERATION TO THE DESIGNATIONS FOR THE  
WAIKATO EXPRESSWAY (HAMILTON SECTION) *(briefly describe the site or place to  
which the designation applies)***

Specific Site/Proposed Designation Alteration: Future Proof is interested in all four Notices of Requirement in relation to the Alterations to the existing designation for the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway (ie Alterations U, V, W and Z).

**THE SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT THAT MY SUBMISSION  
RELATES TO ARE: *(give details)***

Future Proof is interested in all four Notices of Requirement in relation to the Alterations to the existing designation for the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway (ie Alterations U, V, W and Z). Future Proof is interested in all parts of the Notices of Requirement from a strategic, growth management and integrated planning point of view.

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**MY SUBMISSION IS:** *(detail the parts of the designation alteration you are submitting on and advise whether you support, oppose or wish to have it amended by circling the appropriate option)*

Support/Oppose/Amend

Future Proof **supports** all four Notices of Requirement in relation to the Alterations to the existing designation for the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway (ie Resolution Drive Interchange, Puketaha Road Bridge, Greenhill Interchange Connection and Southern Interchange).

**THE REASONS FOR MY VIEWS ARE:**

Future Proof is the growth management strategy for Hamilton City, Waipa and Waikato Districts. The administrative areas of these three territorial authorities are projected to contain 94% of the entire Waikato region's population growth out to 2031. This increase in population and employment presents a number of challenges, especially in terms of managing the cumulative effects of this growth over time.

The Future Proof Strategy is focussed on a long term vision and outcomes, growth forecasts, the distribution and timing of growth and major infrastructure development, in particular strategic transport projects.

The Future Proof settlement pattern is the cornerstone of the Future Proof Strategy<sup>1</sup> and is a key part of the integrated approach to land use, infrastructure and funding. The settlement pattern is also crucial to achieving the sustainable management of growth for the sub-region and the wider region as anticipated by Part 2 of the RMA 1991, in particular section 5(2) of the Act.

Future Proof identifies key growth areas (industrial and residential), along with staging, which attempts to align with infrastructure. The Waikato Expressway is a key assumption underpinning the settlement pattern.

The Waikato Expressway is the number one transport priority for the Future Proof sub-region and the Waikato region. The Expressway is a Road of National Significance as identified in the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding. The Waikato Expressway project sits within a wider Upper North Island context as it aims to improve economic growth and productivity for the Upper North Island through more efficient movement of people and freight, improve the reliability of the transport network, reduce travel times between the Waikato and Auckland and support the settlement pattern and growth strategy as outlined in Future Proof and the Proposed Waikato Regional Policy Statement.

The Future Proof settlement pattern is based on the premise that the Waikato Expressway and its key interchanges will be completed.

Future Proof identifies Horsham Downs, Rototuna and Ruakura as key growth areas for Hamilton City. It also identifies Tamahere as a rural village for Waikato District with some growth capacity. All of these areas tie in with the Hamilton section of the Waikato Expressway. The Expressway is a key part of the urban form of the Future Proof sub-region. The interchanges will provide for the growth of these identified areas.

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid, page 112.

A fundamental principle of the Future Proof Strategy is the integration of land use with infrastructure, particularly transport. Part of the Future Proof Strategy vision is that infrastructure is well planned for to ensure it is affordable, efficient and able to cope with growth as and when it occurs. The Future Proof Strategy contains a priority action to implement the Strategic Transport Corridors (as per the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Regional Land Transport Programme).<sup>2</sup> The Waikato Expressway is the key Strategic Transport Corridor for the Waikato region as identified in the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

It is understood that alterations are required to accommodate design changes and significant new features. It is appropriate that these occur given that the existing designation was undertaken some time ago. It is important that the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway be designed and implemented in a manner that is efficient and effective while providing for accessibility and integrating with land use. Future Proof is of the view that the Notices of Requirement achieve this.

**ARE YOU ATTACHING FURTHER PAGES?**

Yes  No  (please tick) If so, how many: .....

**I SEEK THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION OR DECISION:**

*(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

That the Notices of Requirement to alter the existing designation for the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway be confirmed.

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**I WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF MY SUBMISSION:**

Yes  No  (please tick)

**IF OTHERS MAKE A SIMILAR SUBMISSION I WILL CONSIDER PRESENTING A JOINT CASE WITH THEM AT THE HEARING:**

Yes  No  (please tick)

**SIGNATURE:**

*To be signed by submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter. (NB. A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means).*

Signed.....

Date: 13 December 2013

<sup>2</sup> Future Proof Growth Strategy & Implementation Plan 2009, Priority Action 38, page 72.