



Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU

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To: Canterbury Regional Council

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT CANTERBURY REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2024-2034

Name of submitter: Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (**Te Rūnanga**)

1. This is a submission on the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 (DCRLTP) proposed by Canterbury Regional Council (CRC).
2. Te Rūnanga **does not** wish to be heard in support of this submission at a hearing.
3. Te Rūnanga notes that the territorial responsibilities of CRC are wholly contained within the Ngāi Tahu Takiwā.
4. Whilst Te Rūnanga generally supports the intent of the DCRLTP, it is concerned that CRC's preparation and drafting of the plan did not include a level of engagement consistent with Papatipu Rūnanga expectations. Consequently, the DCRLTP is not reflective of Mana Whenua transport priorities across Waitaha/ the entire Canterbury region.
5. Te Rūnanga requests that CRC directly engages with all Waitaha based Papatipu Rūnanga and/ or their respective Regional Environmental Entities¹, specifically those based outside of Greater Christchurch², to enable mana whenua to meaningful contribute to the DCRLTP.

Signed for and on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

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² Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, Te Rūnanga o Waihao and Te Rūnanga o Moeraki.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This is a submission on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (**Te Rūnanga**) on the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan (DCRLP) prepared by Canterbury Regional Council (CRC). The DCRLP sets out a vision and the priorities for Canterbury's transport network for the next 10 years.

2. Background

- 2.1. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (**Te Rūnanga**) is statutorily recognised representative tribal body of Ngāi Tahu whānui (as provided by section 15 of the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996 (**TRONT Act**)) and was established as a body corporate on 24 April 1996 under section 6 of the TRONT Act.
- 2.2. Te Rūnanga encompasses five hapū, Kati Kurī, Ngāti Irakehu, Kati Huirapa, Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki, Ngāi Tūāhuriri and 18 Papatipu Rūnanga, who uphold the mana whenua and mana moana of their rohe. Te Rūnanga is responsible for managing, advocating and protecting, the rights and interests inherent to Ngāi Tahu as mana whenua.
- 2.3. Notwithstanding its statutory status as the representative voice of Ngāi Tahu whānui "for all purposes", Te Rūnanga accepts and respects the right of individuals and Papatipu Rūnanga to make their own responses.

3. Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- 3.1. The contemporary relationship between the Crown and Ngāi Tahu is defined by three core documents; the Treaty, the Ngāi Tahu Deed of Settlement 1997 (**Deed of Settlement**) and the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 (**NTCSA**). These documents form an important legal relationship between Ngāi Tahu and the Crown.
- 3.2. Of significance, the Deed of Settlement and NTCSA confirmed the rangatiratanga of Ngāi Tahu and its relationship with the natural environment and whenua within the takiwā.
- 3.3. As recorded in the Crown Apology to Ngāi Tahu, the Ngāi Tahu Settlement marked a turning point, and the beginning for a "new age of co-operation". In doing so, the Crown acknowledged the ongoing partnership between the Crown and Ngāi Tahu and the expectation that any policy or management regime would be developed and implemented in partnership with Ngāi Tahu.

4. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Interests in Relation to the Draft Canterbury Land Transport Plan 2024-2034

- 4.1. Te Rūnanga notes the following particular interests in the draft plan:

4.1.1. *Treaty Partnership*

- Te Rūnanga has an expectation that the Crown (and their delegated authorities) will honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the principles upon which it was founded. All persons undertaking duties and responsibilities in

accordance with the purpose this document shall recognise and respect the Crown's responsibility to give the principles of the Treaty.

4.1.2. Kaitiakitanga:

- In keeping with the kaitiaki responsibilities of Ngāi Tahu Whānui, Te Rūnanga has an interest in ensuring sustainable management of natural resources, including protection of taonga species and mahinga kai for future generations.
- Ngāi Tahu Whānui are both users of natural resources, and stewards of those resources. At all times, Te Rūnanga is guided by the tribal whakataukī: “mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri, ā muri ake nei” (*for us and our descendants after us*).

4.1.3. Whanaungatanga

- Te Rūnanga has a responsibility to promote the wellbeing of Ngāi Tahu Whānui and ensure that the management of Ngāi Tahu assets and the wider management of natural resources supports the development of iwi members.

5. General Position and Reasons for the Submission

- 5.1. Te Rūnanga notes that the mana whenua priorities contained in the DCRLP (refer to page 22), are reflective of the interests of the six papatipu rūnanga based in Greater Christchurch³ but makes no reference to the interests of the four papatipu rūnanga based in the wider Canterbury region, namely the Kaikōura District, Hurunui District, Waimate District, Ashburton District, Timaru District and Mackenzie District.
- 5.2. Section 4 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 requires the CRC to establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities, principles, and requirements to facilitate participation by Māori in land transport decision-making processes in order to take appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. This is also reflected in the consultation decision making and consultation requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 that the DCRLP is prepared under. Te Rūnanga is concerned that this has not occurred.
- 5.3. Te Rūnanga requests that CRC directly engages with all 10 Papatipu Rūnanga and/ or their respective Regional Environmental Entities based across Waitaha/ the Canterbury region, to allow for a more comprehensive range of mana whenua perspectives and interests to be included in the DCRLP. Also, Iwi Management Plans beyond Greater Christchurch should be considered in the DCRLP.

³ Christchurch District, Waimakariri District and Selwyn District.