

From: [Elliott Thornton](#)
To: [Saritha Shetty](#)
Subject: Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan: Hearing Stream #6: Infrastructure and Transport - NZTA Confirmation Not to Speak
Date: Monday, 7 September 2026 2:44:44 pm
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Dear Saritha,

Thank you for reaching out to confirm whether we wish to speak on Hearing Stream #6.

After consulting with my colleagues and in consideration to the reporting officers section 42A Report, I wish to confirm that NZTA do not seek to speak to our submission points in relation to the Infrastructure and Transport Chapters and request that the Hearings Panel consider our submission and relief sought as read.

In relation to the Infrastructure Chapter:

- The reporting officer's section 42A report has recommended that the panel adopt most of NZTA's requested relief, which aligns with relief sought by other infrastructure providers. We appreciate the consideration that Hutt City Council has had to our submission on the Infrastructure Chapter.

In relation to the Transport Chapter:

- Matters pertaining to third party signage will be considered as part of the SIGN chapter hearing stream.
- Prefers the relief sought in the original submission relating to the addition of Limited Access Roads (LAR) to the objectives, policies, rules and standards that apply to Highly Constrained Roads. Nearly identical to the Hutt City Council's powers under section 346E of the Local Government Act 1974 (LGA), the NZTA does have various powers to regulate vehicles crossings and conditions related to an LAR under the Government Rounding Powers Act 1989 (GRPA). However, in practice most developers first interaction with the NZTA is during the consideration of a resource consent. It remains our view that it is more effective and efficient to consider all matters pertaining environmental effects including traffic in an integrated matter during the assessment of a resource consent. If not considered during the resource consent, it is our experience that most developers will only become aware of the GRPA provisions when they submit their Corridor Access Request (CAR) which is often too late as this is the point where the developer is seeking to start works after substantial investment has been made in preparation, design, approvals and financing a development. To ensure all land use and environment effects are considered concurrently, it remains our preference that LAR is recognised and referenced in the District Plan as per the relief sought where it remains most visible and more appropriately considered in an integrated manner than

the GRPA (or section 346E of the LGA).

- Prefers to the relief sought in the original submission relating to the use of vehicle movements to confirm whether an activity is a High Trip Generating Activity, with the threshold set at 100 vpd. This is the same approach that has been adopted in the Wellington District Plan 2024 and the Porirua District Plan 2025, which both set 100vpd thresholds for access to State Highway. The use of a set threshold, rather than activities allows the rule to directly relate to an effect, rather than an activity threshold as travel behaviour and patterns may change over time.

We kindly request that you pass this email on to the Panel, and that they consider our submission as read. We look forward to further engagement on the upcoming hearings stream.

Regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, 1 September 2026 4:24 pm

To: Elliott Thornton <Elliott.Thornton@nzta.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan: Hearing Stream #6: Infrastructure - Speaking Confirmation

That's fine Elliott, will wait for you to confirm.

Thanks

Ngā Mihi | Kind regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, 1 September 2026 4:06 pm

To: Saritha Shetty <Saritha.Shetty@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan: Hearing Stream #6: Infrastructure - Speaking Confirmation

Hi Saritha,

It's likely NZTA would like to speak. However, as the submission was written by one of my colleagues I'm going through to confirm if and what aspects we'd seek to speak on. When you do require confirmation? Would Thursday or Friday this week be sufficient notice?

Thanks,

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From: Saritha Shetty <Saritha.Shetty@huttcity.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 September 2026 11:29 am

Subject: Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan: Hearing Stream #6: Infrastructure - Speaking Confirmation

Kia Ora,

I am following up to see whether you would like to speak at the Hearing #6 Infrastructure.

Please ignore this email if you have already confirmed your attendance.

Thanks

Ngā Mihi | Kind regards,

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