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Rotorua Lakes Council

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Attention: Chief Executive

Dear Geoff

NZ Transport Agency submission – Plan Change 4 (Noise) – Rotorua District Plan

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the NZ Transport Agency (Transport Agency) to make a submission on Proposed Plan Change 4 (Noise) to the Rotorua District Plan (Plan Change 4).

The Transport Agency appreciates the collaborative approach that the Council has taken to working with the Transport Agency in developing proposed Plan Change 4. As part of this Council has provided confirmation that the existing operative State Highway Noise Reverse Sensitivity provisions will be immune through the plan change process given that they remain unchanged in the notified documents.

A copy of the Transport Agency's submission to Plan Change 4 is attached.

The Transport Agency looks forward to working closely with the Rotorua Lakes Council through the process.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Transport Agency's submission, please do not hesitate to me on 07 927 6007 or cole.o'keefe@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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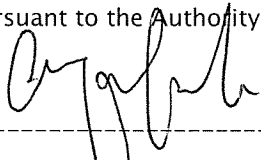
New Zealand Transport Agency Submission on Proposed Plan Change 4 (Noise) the Rotorua Lakes Council District Plan

Section	Support/ Oppose/ Amend	Submission	Decision sought
<i>Plan Change 4 in its entirety</i>	Support	The Transport Agency supports in part Plan Change 4 (Noise) and specifically the Rotorua Lakes Council’s decision to restructure the noise provisions so that they are consolidated and placed in a new dedicated noise chapter with consistent objectives, policies and environmental outcomes.	Retain the plan change as notified with amendments outlined in the specific submission point below.
<p><i>A11.6.3 Acoustic treatment of noise sensitive activities</i></p> <p><i>1. Noise sensitive activities near State Highways</i></p> <p><i>Advice note – 1</i></p>	Amend	<p>The Transport Agency requests that the advice note is amended, as follows:</p> <p><i>The term “Noise Sensitive Activities” has the same meaning as that included in the Definitions, except that for the purposes of these performance standards does not include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Conference facilities, communal lounges operated as part of a holiday park</i> • <i>Community facilities</i> <p>The reason for the Transport Agency requesting this deletion is that these activities are noise sensitive and are vulnerable to State Highway noise reverse sensitivity effects. It is appropriate to control the establishment of these activities when they are situated</p>	The Transport Agency requests that the Council amend the advice note or similar relief to achieve the same effect.

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		close to state highways to reduce potential conflicts and manage reverse sensitivity effects.	

- a) This is a submission on Plan Change 4 – Noise to the Rotorua Lakes Council District Plan.
- b) The Transport Agency could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- c) The Transport Agency does wish to be heard in support of its submission.
- d) The Transport Agency does not wish to present joint evidence.

Signed by Cole O'Keefe
Principal Planning Advisor
Pursuant to the Authority of NZ Transport Agency



Date

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