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Tēnā koe Richard,

**Request for information from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) in relation to Silverlight Studios under COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020**

The Silverlight Studios Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel), has directed the EPA to request further information from you under clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery Act 2020 (the Act), relating to the Silverlight Studios consent application.

As directed by the Panel, the EPA is seeking the following information:

In its comments on the Panel's draft conditions Silverlight Studios Limited (SSL) advised that it has altered the proposed construction staging of the Project as follows:

- Stage 1 will comprise site preparation works that can be implemented while the necessary design work, documentation and approvals for the future stages are being progressed.
- Stage 2 will comprise bulk earthworks and the construction of the first group of sound stage buildings.
- Stage 3 will comprise the construction of Sound Stages Alpha to Echo and Workshops 1 and 2 and Wardrobe 1.
- Stage 4 will comprise the construction of the Italian Village
- Stage 5 will comprise the construction of the Seaside Village.
- Stage 6 will comprise the construction of Venice.
- Stage 7 will comprise the completion of the lake.
- Stage 8 will comprise the construction of Paris.
- Stage 9 will comprise the construction of New York.
- Stage 10 will comprise the construction of Sound Stages Foxtrot to Juliette and associated workshop and wardrobe building.
- Stage 11 will comprise the construction of the Film Tourism Sites

In light of this revised staging the Panel would appreciate receiving Waka Kotahi NZTA's advice on what it considers to be the appropriate timing (with reference to a particular Stage of the Project – namely either prior to or following the completion of a specific Stage) for the following activities:

1. The upgrade to the existing access intersection (being the intersection of 'Road 1' and State Highway 6) to include (as a minimum) a right turn bay and separated left turn lane (draft condition 116);
2. The upgrading of the main site access intersection to a roundabout (including prior provision to Waka Kotahi NZTA of safety audit design plans prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced expert and obtaining approval from Waka Kotahi NZTA for the roundabout (draft conditions 120 and 121); and
3. The provision of the Traffic Management Plan to Waka Kotahi NZTA for its approval (draft condition 131).

It would be greatly appreciated if the Waka Kotahi NZTA response could be provided to the EPA (by email) no later than **5pm on Friday 26 November 2021**

In accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the Act Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency must;

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

Please note, the information will be provided to the Panel, the applicant and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the EPA website.

If you have any questions or further queries, please don't hesitate to contact Elliott Dennett on [elliott.dennett@epa.govt.nz](mailto:elliott.dennett@epa.govt.nz) or +64 4 474 5518.

Nākū noā, na



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