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Tēnā koutou

He Tohu Huarahi Māori Bilingual Traffic Signs – Consultation

- 1 The Dunedin City Council (DCC) welcomes the opportunity to submit to Waka Kotahi on the draft Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices (Bilingual signs) Amendment 2023.
- 2 The DCC acknowledges its Treaty of Waitangi responsibilities. Consistently successful engagement with iwi Māori results in better decision making, more robust and lasting solutions, and more engaged people and communities.
- 3 DCC supports the goal of incorporating more te reo Māori into Aotearoa New Zealand's transport network.
- 4 DCC recognises the importance of partnership, co-operation, and the leadership role that iwi and Māori play in relation to Māori language revitalisation. The DCC notes this proposal will support iwi and Māori in their efforts to ensure te reo Māori is a living language within our communities.
- 5 Bilingual signs will help ensure there are everyday opportunities for all New Zealanders to engage with and use te reo Māori.
- 6 DCC is supportive of the changes described in the consultation document.

Key submission points

- 7 DCC support the factors that have been considered to determine which signs would be prioritised to be made bilingual.
- 8 DCC notes that a panel of te reo Māori experts have considered and proposed the translations to be used.
- 9 Waka Kotahi note that familiarity of signs should be maintained. DCC supports this principal and therefore to be consistent with other proposed bilingual signs, DCC recommends that the combined te reo Māori and English sign should be used for **Destination Signs**.
- 10 For reasons of consistency with Destination Signs, the DCC recommends differentiating te reo Māori and English in colour for **Motorway and Expressway** advisory signs.
- 11 DCC recommends that only one sign is adopted for **Temporary Warning** signs. Having two signs can cause "cluttering" effects for road users and means workers must put out two sets of signs instead of one (and associated sandbags). Vehicles that carry signs for this type of work have maximum loading capacity and increasing the number of signs to be deployed will affect efficiencies.

- 12 DCC acknowledges the implementation approach that bilingual signs will be used when replacing end of life signs or when new signs are introduced to the transport network. Costs will be minimised under this approach.
- 13 DCC requests additional guidance from Waka Kotahi for when this approach is not appropriate (for example where there is a site of cultural significance or when this approach may result in two different signs on each side of the road).

The DCC thanks you for the opportunity to submit on He Tohu Huarahi Māori Bilingual Traffic Signs.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jules Radich', written in a cursive style.

Jules Radich
Mayor of Dunedin