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Subject: Dunedin Proposed Harbourside Link Designation
Importance: High

David/Julie,

Further to our recent correspondence regarding Council's proposal to designate land for the proposed Dunedin harbourside link. The New Zealand Railways Corporation understands that Council seeks to designate land currently designated for Railway Purposes for this roading project. With reference to the draft Notice of Requirement the Corporation notes that Council's designation will be secondary to the rail designation. Therefore S177 of the RMA will apply.

Regarding Council's proposal, the Corporation supports the project in principle. I have spoken to our Regional Field Engineer who has advised that he is comfortable with the concept of the project on the basis that the proposed Fryatt St at grade level crossing is shelved at this stage. The Corporation's preference would be to consider a grade separated crossing at this point, therefore increasing the incidence of level crossings and the associated safety implications.

As the project is still conceptual, we seek for Council to undertake detailed technical consultation with us during the design phase of the project. This should ensure our railway operational and technical requirements are satisfied.

Furthermore, Council will need to undertake an acquisition process with the Corporation to facilitate this project. We also seek for Council to secure appropriate property rights to satisfy the provisions of the Railways Act 2005. All acquisition and property right requests will be considered by the Corporation on their merits.

On this basis, the Corporation is comfortable with Dunedin City Council lodging a Notice of Requirement to designate land for the Harbourside link. Please accept this email as the Corporation's support pursuant to S176 of the RMA.

All costs for this project are to be met by Dunedin City Council

Regards,

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