

14 October 2025

Independent Hearings Panel
Far North Proposed District Plan
Far North District Council
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Dear Commissioners,

Far North Proposed District Plan – Hearing 16 (Subdivision)

KiwiRail Holdings Limited (**KiwiRail**) is the State-Owned Enterprise responsible for the management and operation of the national railway network. This includes managing railway infrastructure and land, as well as rail freight and passenger services within New Zealand. KiwiRail is also the Requiring Authority for land designated "Railway Purposes" in district plans throughout New Zealand.

KiwiRail made a submission on the Far North District Council's Proposed District Plan on 23 October 2024. Relevant to Hearing Stream 16 (Subdivision), KiwiRail's submission sought SUB-O1 be amended as follows:

Subdivision results in the efficient use of land, which:

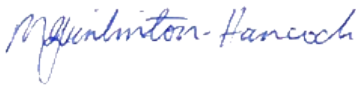
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(g) **maintains the safety and efficiency of the transport network.**

The Council Officer rejected KiwiRail's submission on the basis that the transport provisions of the Proposed District Plan, specifically TRAN-P3, address KiwiRail's concerns and provide sufficient coverage to maintain the safety and efficiency of the transport network. KiwiRail accepts the Council Officer's recommendation.

I can confirm that KiwiRail will not be filing evidence for Hearing 16 at this stage and does not wish to be heard at the hearing. However, I am available to answer any questions from the Hearings Panel either in writing or via videoconference if required.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michelle Grinlinton-Hancock".

Michelle Grinlinton-Hancock

RMA Team Leader

KiwiRail Holdings Limited

