

**Proposed Kaipara District Plan - Pre-Hearing Meeting**

**Parties:** Kiwi Rail and Kaipara District Council (“KDC”)

**Date:** 23 April 2026

**Time:** 9.30am – 10.20am (online through MS Teams)

**Attendees:** Michelle Grinlinton-Hanock, Paul Shivron and Dale Phillip  
(arrived late) for Kiwi Rail.

Sarah Horton, Venessa Anich and Kyle Middleton for KDC.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the pre-hearing meeting was to discuss the GIS mapping of the Kiwi Rail designation extent.

Item	Issue	Discussion	Minutes
1.	Proposed District Plan (PDP) needs accurate GIS information to show designation extent on maps.	<p>MG – Kiwi Rail want the designation extent to include all of parcels of land Kiwi Rail own up to the cadastral boundaries (as shown by Land Information NZ), <b>and</b> a 5m buffer on either side of the rail centre line (10m total width) where the railway line crosses a road or hydro parcel.</p> <p>Under Railways Act already have general protection of railway line, but 10m buffer for crossings will provide additional safety e.g. to undertake works.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that 10m buffer will mean that for some crossings the designation will extend onto private property.</p> <p>SH – suggest a note is included in the designation text alerting land owners that small portions of private property may be covered by designation if adjoining a road or</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KDC &amp; Kiwi Rail in agreement of designation extent including buffer for road and hydro parcel crossings.</li> <li>• Kiwi Rail agreement for note to be added to designation.</li> <li>• PS to provide accurate GIS data of Kiwi Rail designation extent, as discussed and agreed. To be provided by 24 April 2026.</li> <li>• KM to use this GIS data to amend PDP maps.</li> <li>• SH to draft the Note and send it to MG for input and agreement. To then be included in</li> </ul>

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		<p>hydro parcel crossing. That designation extent may be inaccurate, and to refer to the general protection provided for the railway line under the Railways Act.</p> <p>PS - has been working on Kiwi Rail GIS files and sorting accuracy of data.</p>	<p>s42A Hearing Report as a recommendation to the Hearing Panel.</p>
2.	<p>Liaising with New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA).</p>	<p>MG has been trying to liaise with NZTA regarding overlap of designations and encroachment of railway line onto road reserve. Will get an agreement between Kiwi Rail &amp; NZTA to cover these situations. Overlaps and encroachments often happen, with many examples in other parts of NZ. MG doesn't see it will be a problem to reach an agreement with NZTA. Currently having difficulty getting a response from NZTA but will continue to pursue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MG to complete discussions and agreement with NZTA. Outcome to be shared with SH so that it may be recorded in s42A Hearing Report.</li> </ul>