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Dear Tracey

PROPOSED WEDDING AND CONFERENCE FACILITY AND TRAVELLERS ACCOMMODATION - LUSBY - 206A SILVERSTREAM FALLS ROW, WHENUAKITE

Thank you for your letter, dated 27 September 2011, in relation to the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) correspondence dated 13 September 2011.

Firstly, we apologise for any inconvenience caused to your client by the time taken to fully assess this proposal.

The NZTA has assessed the Traffic Planning Assessment provided by Traffic Planning Consultants Ltd (dated 4 May 2011) in respect to this development. It is considered that the existing access is suitable to accommodate the additional traffic likely to be generated by this proposal and therefore the NZTA does not seek any improvements to the existing site access.

However, and as stated in our previous correspondence, the NZTA supports the *Coromandel Blueprint Framework* (Blueprint) and its strategic direction. Key objectives of the Blueprint have been incorporated into the Proposed Waikato Regional Policy Statement (WRPS) released in August 2010 as Policy 6.9. For this reason, the NZTA does not generally support this or other commercial activities outside of those zones designated for these activities in the Thames Coromandel District Plan. The cumulative effects of such activities should be recognised and considered.

Finally, the NZTA will support the decision of the Thames Coromandel District Council concerning this application.

Thank you for consulting with the NZTA and feel free to contact me at any time should you wish to discuss these comments further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Gouge'.

Matthew Gouge
Resource Planner

CC: Thames Coromandel District Council - District Planner