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Dear Alison

**Plan Change 80 Submission**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposed Plan Change 80. Please find attached the NZ Transport Agency's submission.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the contents of our submission with Council officers. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself on (04) 894 6414 or [caroline.horrox@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:caroline.horrox@nzta.govt.nz) or Kathryn Barrett on (04) 931-8871 or [kathryn.barrett@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:kathryn.barrett@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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**Form 5**  
**Submission on Proposed District Plan Change 80**

**To:** District Plan Team  
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**From:** NZ Transport Agency  
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**1 This is a submission on the following proposed plan change.**

Wellington City Council Proposed District Plan Change 80

**2 The NZ Transport Agency could not gain an advantage in trade completion through this submission.**

**3 We wish to be heard on this matter.**

**4 Role of the NZ Transport Agency**

The NZ Transport Agency is a Crown entity providing an integrated approach to transport planning, investment and delivery. The NZ Transport Agency's statutory objective is to undertake its functions in a way that *contributes to an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system.*

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1. Planning the land transport networks (with partners)
2. Investing in land transport (with partners)
3. Managing the State Highway network, and
4. Providing access to and use of the land transport system.

**5 Submission**

The NZ Transport Agency generally supports the changes proposed in this plan change insofar as it supports the NZ Transport Agency's objective of achieving integrated transport planning.

The NZ Transport Agency specifically supports:

*Amend Chapter 5 Residential Vehicle Access Standards 5.6.1.4*

State Highway 1 traverses Wellington, crossing a number of residential areas, particularly from the Terrace tunnel to the airport.

It is essential that the number, location, and design of access points onto the State Highway is carefully managed to ensure that any associated additional traffic movements do not adversely impact levels of service, congestion and/or safety. Cumulatively, additional state highway access points may adversely impact on these matters by a small amount, but in combination can result in significant adverse effects.

The amended provision 5.6.1.4 continues to help protect the State Highway from inappropriate access. The NZ Transport Agency supports the intent of the proposed change insofar as the State Highway remains protected.