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Committee Regional Transport
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Submission from the Regional Transport Committee on NZTA's draft State Highway Classification

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval of the attached submission on the NZ Transport Agency's (NZTA) *State highway classification - consultation draft*.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3) (b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

The NZTA has recently released the discussion document *Draft State Highway Classification*. It is seeking feedback on the proposed system.

NZTA officials attended the previous Committee meeting on 24th February to outline and discuss the proposed classification system which categorises state highways based on their role and function.

The Committee agreed that it should make a submission on the proposal, in addition to each individual council making its own submission if so desired.

Submissions must be received by NZTA by the 31 March.

4. Comment

The proposed submission on behalf of the Committee is included as **Attachment 1** to this report.

4.1 Reason for submitting

At the previous Committee meeting, members raised a number of concerns about various aspects of the proposed classification system presented by NZTA officers. The attached submission has been prepared to relay this feedback formally to NZTA.

4.2 Development of submission

Officers on the RTC technical working group provided initial thoughts on the proposed classification system, and were subsequently sent a draft of this submission and provided feedback. This has been incorporated in the recommended submission.

5. Voting

Section 107(1) of the amended Land Transport Management Act states that objective and interest representatives have full speaking rights, but are not entitled to vote on matters related to regional land transport programmes.

As the subject matter of this report does not relate to the regional land transport programme, objective and interest representatives **may** vote on the resolutions.

6. Communication

The final submission will be forwarded to the NZTA for its consideration.

7. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Agrees to the submission set out in **Attachment 1**.***
4. ***Delegates to the Chair of the Wellington Regional Transport Committee authority to approve the final submission on the State highway classification – consultation draft.***

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Attachment 1: **Submission from the Regional Transport Committee on the *State highway classification – consultation draft***