

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR A DESIGNATION OF LAND

26 February 2025

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
State Highway 47, Taupō District



Notice of Requirement for a Designation of Land Under Section 168 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Form 18 – Notice of requirement by requiring authority for designation

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Pursuant to Section 168 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) gives notice of a requirement (NoR) for a designation for a public work.

NZTA proposes to formally designate the length of State Highway 47 (SH47) that is within the boundaries of Taupō District. The purpose of the proposed designation is to construct, operate, maintain, and improve a state highway and associated infrastructure.

NZTA is a network utility operator approved as a requiring authority under Section 167 RMA. The relevant Gazette Notices are:

- Resource Management (Approval of Transit New Zealand as Requiring Authority) Order 1992 (NZ Gazette, Notice Number 1994-go1500) – and refer Schedule 2, Clause 29 of the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 which confirms that the order applies to New Zealand Transport Agency – these confirm the New Zealand Transport Agency as a requiring authority for the construction and operation (including the maintenance, improvement, enhancement, expansion, realignment, and alteration) of any state highway or motorway.
- Resource Management (Approval of New Zealand Transport Agency as a Requiring Authority) Notice 2015 (NZ Gazette, Notice Number 2015-go6742) – this confirms the New Zealand Transport Agency as a requiring authority for the purpose of constructing or operating (or proposing to construct or operate) and maintaining cycleways and shared paths.
- Resource Management (Approval of New Zealand Transport Agency as a Requiring Authority) Notice 2023 (NZ Gazette, Notice Number 2023-go4371) – this confirms the New Zealand Transport Agency as a requiring authority for the purpose of undertaking a network utility operation consisting of constructing or operating (or proposing to construct or operate) (including maintaining, replacing, upgrading, improving, enhancing, expanding, realigning, and altering) rapid transit networks and projects and their ancillary structures, works and activities in New Zealand on a mode-neutral basis (either road or rail or both).

The legal name for NZTA as a Requiring Authority is the New Zealand Transport Agency. When the designation is confirmed, the name of the Requiring Authority to be recorded in the district plan is the 'New Zealand Transport Agency', and the purpose of the designation to be recorded is:

"To construct, operate, maintain, and improve a state highway and associated infrastructure".

The site to which the requirement applies is as follows:

The area of the proposed designation is shown on the Designation Plan included in **Attachment A** of this Notice. The requirement applies to SH47, which is a gazetted state highway located between the Ruapehu District boundary in the west and State Highway 41 in the east.

NZTA has mapped the designation boundaries geospatially to accurately reflect the operational state highway boundaries for SH47. The GIS shapefiles are provided with this Notice. Note that the GIS shapefiles are current as at 26 February 2025 and reflect the current cadastre from LINZ. Due to weekly updates produced by LINZ, there may be minor changes or alignment differences between the latest road parcels and this designation layer. These modifications are minor in nature and will have no effect on any parties.

The nature of the proposed work is:

NZTA proposes to designate the length of SH47 that is within the boundaries of Taupō District. SH47 was formally gazetted as a state highway on 1 April 1960 (inclusive) through the New Zealand Gazette Notice 20 dated 24 March 1960 (Refer to **Attachment B** NZ Gazette Notice). SH47 is an operational state highway that forms part of the existing environment.

The nature of the proposed work is:

The proposed work is the ongoing operation, maintenance, and improvement of the SH47 corridor, including associated infrastructure. This includes ongoing:

- Operation of the transport corridor
- Maintenance activities e.g. repair of pavement, transport infrastructure, and structures
- Improvements e.g. installation of safety features and signage, changes to layout and alignment, and upgrading and replacement of structures.

The nature of the proposed conditions that would apply are:

No conditions would apply to the proposed designation as SH47 is an existing formed and operational, gazetted state highway.

The effects that the proposed work will have on the environment, and the ways in which any adverse effects will be mitigated are:

NZTA proposes to formally designate the length of SH47 that is within the boundaries of Taupō District. The roads which are the subject of this Notice are formed and have operated as a state highway since it was gazetted in 1960. The effects of this roading network are known, form part of the existing environment and will not change as a result of the designation. The designation reflects the current ownership and maintenance responsibilities for this part of the roading network.

The activities and works enabled by this Notice are already provided for as permitted activities within the Taupō Operative District Plan 2007.

The Outline Plan requirements of Section 176A RMA will apply to future works undertaken within the proposed designation.

The positive effects of designating SH47 relate to identifying and protecting the required land and thereby enabling NZTA to carry out any future proposed works, and enabling the ongoing effective, efficient and safe operation, management and improvement of the SH47 state highway including:

- Maintaining an appropriate level of service for the state highway
- Allowing the land required to be identified in the Taupō District Plan giving a clear indication of the ongoing use of the land

- Bringing the protected land under the umbrella of the project development and project management framework of NZTA with its strong emphasis on consultation and appropriate management of cultural and environmental implications of its work
- Providing certainty for adjacent landowners of the ongoing use of the land.

No change to the effects on the environment will result from designating SH47. The Outline Plan requirements of Section 176A RMA will apply, as relevant, to any future works undertaken within the designation. In addition, any potential effects of the activities and works enabled by this Notice are comparable to those already provided for as permitted activities under the District Plan.

Alternative sites, routes, and methods have been considered to the following extent:

The requirement under Section 171(1)(b) of the RMA relating to the adequacy of consideration of alternative sites, routes and methods is only applicable where the requiring authority does not have an interest in the land or where there are works that will have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The Crown owns most of the land that forms the existing SH47 corridor (being road parcels), and the land is administered by NZTA. SH47 was formally gazetted as a state highway from 1 April 1960 (inclusive) through the New Zealand Gazette Notice 20 dated 24 March 1960. SH47 is an operational state highway that forms part of the existing environment. SH47 also provides the only formed access to Tokaanu Power Station and associated infrastructure.

Therefore, there is no need to consider alternative sites, routes, or methods as part of this assessment.

The proposed work and designation are reasonably necessary for achieving the objectives of the requiring authority because:

The objective of NZTA under Section 94 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) is “to undertake its functions in a way that contributes to an effective, efficient, and safe land transport system in the public interest”.

The proposed (ongoing) work, being the operation, maintenance and improvement of the state highway and associated infrastructure, is reasonably necessary for achieving this objective because it will:

- Enable the ongoing effective, efficient, and safe operation, maintenance and improvement of the corridor.
- Enable NZTA to maintain an appropriate level of service for the state highway – to maintain its function as the only formed access to Lake Rotopounamu, Tokaanu Power Station, and associated infrastructure, and to support the ongoing movement of people and goods along SH47.

The proposed designation is reasonably necessary as a planning tool, as it identifies and protects land required for the state highway, and associated infrastructure, and will support NZTA to carry out proposed work. The designation will:

- Allow the land required to be identified in the Taupō District Plan, giving a clear indication of the existing and ongoing use of the land
- Provide certainty for adjacent landowners of the existing and ongoing use of the land and potential work that may occur at some time in the future
- Reflect the strategic importance of the state highway network within the Taupō district.

No resource consents are needed for the proposed activity and have not been applied for:

The route of SH47 is a formed and operational part of the state highway network. No physical works are proposed as part of this NoR, and no resource consents are required.

Future work may need consent under National Environmental Standards or the Waikato District Plan. The need for consents would depend on the location and nature of the work.

No consultation has been undertaken with parties that are likely to be affected:

No consultation has been undertaken as there are no parties adversely affected by the proposed designation as it is for an existing operational state highway corridor. Most of the land within the corridor is owned by the Crown and administered by NZTA, with the following exception:

Parcel ID	Legal Description	Certificate of Title	Location	Required Area (ha)(approx.)	Owner / Administered by
4013428	Part Waipapa Block	N/A	1495A Te Ponanga Saddle Road	0.0730	The Crown – Administered by the Department of Conservation [Create] National Park [Tongariro National Park] New Zealand Gazette 1975 p 1519

As SH47 is an existing and operational state highway, it is considered that there are no adverse effects, and no consultation has been undertaken.

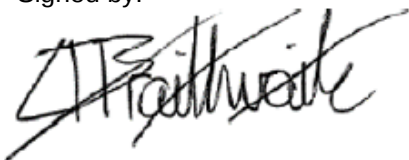
Supporting Information:

NZTA submits the following information required to be included in this notice by the district plan, regional plan, or any regulations made under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Attachments to this Notice

- Attachment A – Location Map of State Highway 47
- Attachment B – NZ Gazette Notice National Park - Turangi, Gaz 1960 p 385
- Attachment C – Proposed New Zealand Transport Agency Designation Table

Signed by:



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Transport Services

Pursuant to authority delegated by the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

Date: 26 February 2025

Address for Service:

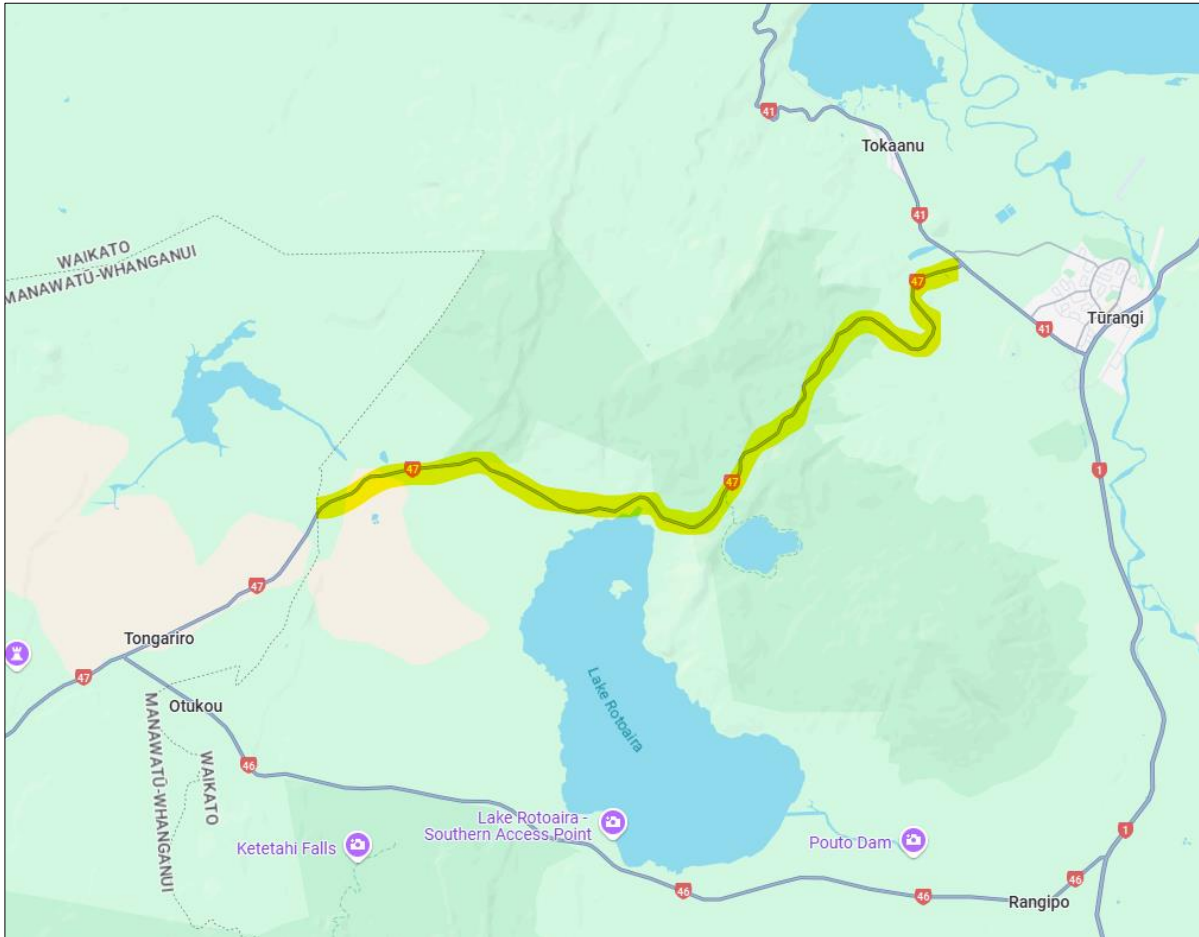
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Attachment A – Location Map of State Highway 47



Source: Google Maps; Basemap: Default, Map data 2025

Declaring Public Highways to be State Highways

PURSUANT to section 11 of the National Roads Amendment Act 1959, the National Roads Board, acting with the written approval of the Minister of Works, hereby gives notice that the public highways described in the Schedule hereto are hereby declared to be State highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the National Roads Act 1953 as from and including the 1st day of April 1960.

SCHEDULE

PART I

General Description of State Highways

NORTH ISLAND

No. 47 State Highway (National Park - Turangi)—Commencing at the Railway Reserve at the western end of Carroll Street in the township of National Park; thence proceeding along Carroll Street to its junction with No. 4 State Highway; recommencing at a point 32 chains south along No. 4 State Highway and thence proceeding via Tarawera to its junction with No. 1 State Highway at Rangipo Junction.

Attachment C – Proposed New Zealand Transport Agency Designation Table

New Zealand Transport Agency	
Proposed designation unique identifier	NZTA-7
Proposed designation purpose	To construct, operate, maintain, and improve a state highway, and associated infrastructure
Site identifier	State Highway 47 from the intersection with State Highway 41 in the north-east to the Ruapehu District boundary in the south-west
Proposed lapse date	Given effect to (ie. no lapse date)
Designation hierarchy under section 177 of the Resource Management Act	Primary
Proposed conditions	None
Additional information	None