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Dear Jasmine

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Dear Jasmine,

Ōtaki to North of Levin Highway Project: Resource Consent Application to take water from Ohau River (APP-2021203231.00)

Thank you for your letter of 24 February 2023 confirming Horizons Regional Council's position that there is no remaining water allocation in the Ohau River.

Based on your advice, Waka Kotahi withdraws the part of its application for resource consents that seeks a water permit to take / abstract surface water from the Ohau River, as an abstraction of part of the water allocation in the Ohau River.

For purposes of clarity, it is confirmed that application for a water permit to take water from the Ohau River when it is at, or above, median flows (supplementary allocation) is not withdrawn and details about the actual and potential effects of this proposed take on the environment are provided generally in Technical Assessment K and in Appendix 4.7: Potential surface sources of construction water (which is appendix 4.7 to Volume II, Appendix 4 - Design and Construction Report).

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the above, then please do not hesitate to contact Caitlin Kelly on <u>Caitlin.Kelly@nzta.govt.nz</u> or Greg Lee on <u>Greg.Lee2@nzta.govt.nz</u>

Yours sincerely

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