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Alastair Scott MP  
Chairperson  
Regulations Review Committee  
Parliament Buildings  
**WELLINGTON**

Dear Mr Scott

**Land Transport Rule: COVID-19 Response (No 1) 2020**

Thank you for your letter dated 1 May 2020 regarding the Land Transport Rule: COVID-19 Response (No 1) 2020 (the Rule).

We acknowledge your concerns about uncertainty, and the empowering provisions relied on, in the Rule. At issue are the provisions in the Rule that provide for Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to determine earlier cut-off and expiry dates than are otherwise provided for in the Rule.

We agree that it is important the public have certainty and clarity about the law that applies to them. During the development of the Rule, there was considerable uncertainty about the likely duration of COVID-19 Alert Levels, and the ability of relevant organisations to manage the transition back to compliance. As we have now moved into Alert Level 2 and have engaged with key industry participants, we are now well placed to provide much more certainty to the public and transport operators.

In light of this, the Minister of Transport has agreed to expedite an amendment to the Rule to set dates in the Rule itself, and to consequentially remove Waka Kotahi's role in setting dates.

We hope this addresses your concerns.

Kind regards



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