From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: Live Nation Festival CRM:0093214198
Date: Tuesday, 27 October 2026 3:35:00 pm
Attachments: [redacted]

You don't often get email from [redacted]

Kia ora [redacted]

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you. Please see the initial high-level comments from our asset and safety team regarding the draft ITA for the proposed festival:

ITA Section / Page #	ITA Position	NZTA Comments
Section 7.2 / Page 27	Peak outbound traffic exceeds 1,200 vehicles/hr on 1 January. The ITA considers this acceptable as queues will be internalised within the site and parking areas.	Please provide further assessment of the 1 January departure scenario. While queues may initially be internalised, the receiving road network and SH1 connections will still need to accommodate the departing traffic.
Sections 8.2.1 & 9.2 / Pages 31-34	Queue management will be addressed through temporary traffic management and monitoring.	The ETMP should clearly define queue thresholds, escalation procedures, and the authority responsible for implementing interventions. Current thresholds are not specified.
Section 2.4 / Pages 10-11	September 2026 Thursday and Saturday counts used as assessment base. Saturday counts considered representative of holiday period traffic.	The ITA states that September Saturday traffic volumes have been adopted as representative of holiday period traffic. Please confirm the basis for this assumption and that the adopted traffic environment is represents the conditions expected during the Christmas/New Year period, particularly in relation to SH1 and the Cambridge Road interchange.
Section 6.1 / Page	Vehicle access	Where will vehicles arriving at the site have tickets checked and how will vehicle queues be managed at

20		this point?
Section 6.4 / Page 23	Organised buses and shuttles	Will there be any organised bus and shuttles from Hamilton Airport?
Section 6.5 / Page 24	Temporary pedestrian routes and controlled crossings proposed on Cambridge Road and Hooker Road.	I would like to see further detail on pedestrian management given the scale of pedestrian movements between the event site and satellite parking areas. and confirm whether pedestrian crossing activity on Cambridge Road and Hooker Road could affect traffic associated with the SH1 during peak arrival and departure periods.
Section 6.6 / Page 25	20-30 construction-related vehicle trips per day anticipated, with higher heavy vehicle activity during pack-in and pack-out	Please provide further detail around heavy vehicle routes, and responsibility for any remediation of any event-related damage.
Sections 6.6 & 6.7 / Page 25	Incident management, emergency access, and operational controls to be addressed via ETMP.	the ETMP should clearly address incident response, emergency access, contingency arrangements, and coordination with NZTA and the network maintenance contractor.
Sections 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 / Pages 20-23	Camper vehicles are stated to remain parked for the duration of the event; but some campers are also described as leaving and returning daily.	Please clarify this inconsistency as it may be deemed low, but it may affect trip generation and operational assumptions.
Section 7.2 (Page 26-27)		Please confirm how attendance numbers, ticket allocations and patron caps will be monitored and managed to ensure traffic effects remain consistent with the assumptions adopted in the ITA.
Section 7.3 / Page 27	Model scenarios	NZTA would like to see traffic modelling done for the State Highway 21/Pencarrow Road intersection. State Highway 21 has an average daily traffic volume of 14,103 and will there be sufficient gaps on State Highway 21 for right turning vehicles?

Section 9.1 / Page 34	Monitoring, adaptive management and post-event review	NZTA would like the monitoring to include queue lengths on Cambridge Road, and any effects on the wider state highway network, including any reports of congestion at Karapiro, Piarere and Tirau.
Section 9.2 / Page 34	Traffic effect mitigations	NZTA is concerned about the potential for queues from the event to form back onto the State Highway 1 Waikato Expressway. Where will the proposed marshal be stationed on Cambridge Road, and how far back will queues be allowed to form back on Cambridge Road, and how will the queue be managed if the right turn into Hooker Road becomes blocked?
Section 9.2 / Page 34	Traffic effect mitigations	NZTA requests that consideration is given to using mobile variable message signs on the state highway approaches to the site.
-	-	NZTA requests that consideration is given to providing road safety messaging to the festival patrons, particularly around drink driving and managing fatigue.

Please review the above and feel free to come back to me if you have questions. Do you have a draft AEE for the proposal? Or just an ITA at this stage?

Happy to chat,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2026 4:38 pm
To: [redacted]

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Cc: [redacted]>
Subject: RE: Live Nation Festival

Hi [redacted]

Have you received any comments? I note we've been in touch separately with [redacted] who you may know.

Cheers
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 October 2026 3:10 pm
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Live Nation Festival

Hey [redacted]

I have sent it through to our asset and safety team to review. I would hope to receive some comms from them by end of next week – if I receive them earlier I will send them through, and we can go from there in terms of meeting etc.

Happy to chat,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 October 2026 3:01 pm
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Live Nation Festival

Hi [redacted]

Sorry to bother – would you have a rough ETA on initial NZTA comments? Happy to meet if that's easier for NZTA.

Cheers
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 1 October 2026 10:07 am
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Live Nation Festival

Hi [redacted]

Please find attached the draft ITA for comment. As detailed previously, I note that the site does not gain any access from a State Highway, however is near the SH1 offramp to Cambridge Road.

Our assessment concludes that in the worst case scenario, queueing does not extend to, or near, the SH1 off-ramp.

Cheers
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 24 September 2026 11:39 am
To: [redacted]>
Subject: RE: Live Nation Festival

Thanks [redacted] much appreciated

Cheers
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 24 September 2026 11:38 am
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Live Nation Festival

Great – I will get it set up as a case in the first instance and await the ITA

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 24 September 2026 11:35 am
To: [redacted]

[redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Live Nation Festival

Hi [redacted]

Yes we will provide once available, likely to be early-mid next week. Will be in touch.

Cheers
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 24 September 2026 11:31 am
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Live Nation Festival

Hi [redacted]

Do you have the draft ITA that you can send through in the first instance? Once we have had a brief look at this we can discuss further or set up a meeting.

Happy to chat,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 24 September 2026 11:25 am
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Live Nation Festival

Hi,

We're working on behalf of Live Nation who are applying for RC for a music festival in Waikato. Key information is detailed below and we are currently preparing an ITA to support the application. We would like to meet with NZTA to discuss the proposal, or provide the draft ITA to

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NZTA for comment. Could you please let us know if / when you have availability for this.

I note that the site does not gain any access from a State Highway, however is near the SH1 offramp to Cambridge Road.

Key information:

- **Location:** 254–276C Hooker Road, Tamahere.
- **Event dates:** 28–31 December 2027.
- **Event format:** Four-day music and camping festival.
- **Capacity:** Up to 35,000 patrons, plus approximately 300 performers and 1,250 staff and contractors per day. Approximately 15,000–18,000 campers are anticipated.
- **Transport:** Managed car parking, bus and taxi facilities, traffic management and specialist transport assessment across the surrounding road network.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers

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