



## A future focussed Interislander Ferry Service for Te Wai Pounamu

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# The Picton Interislander Ferry Project



## New Interislander Ferries



200m long, 28m wide (20% to 30% larger than current ferries)

Rail enabled , 500 vehicles, 1,500 passengers and crew

## New Port side infrastructure



Wharves, coastal protection and loading suspended ramps

Vehicle marshalling area, check in systems

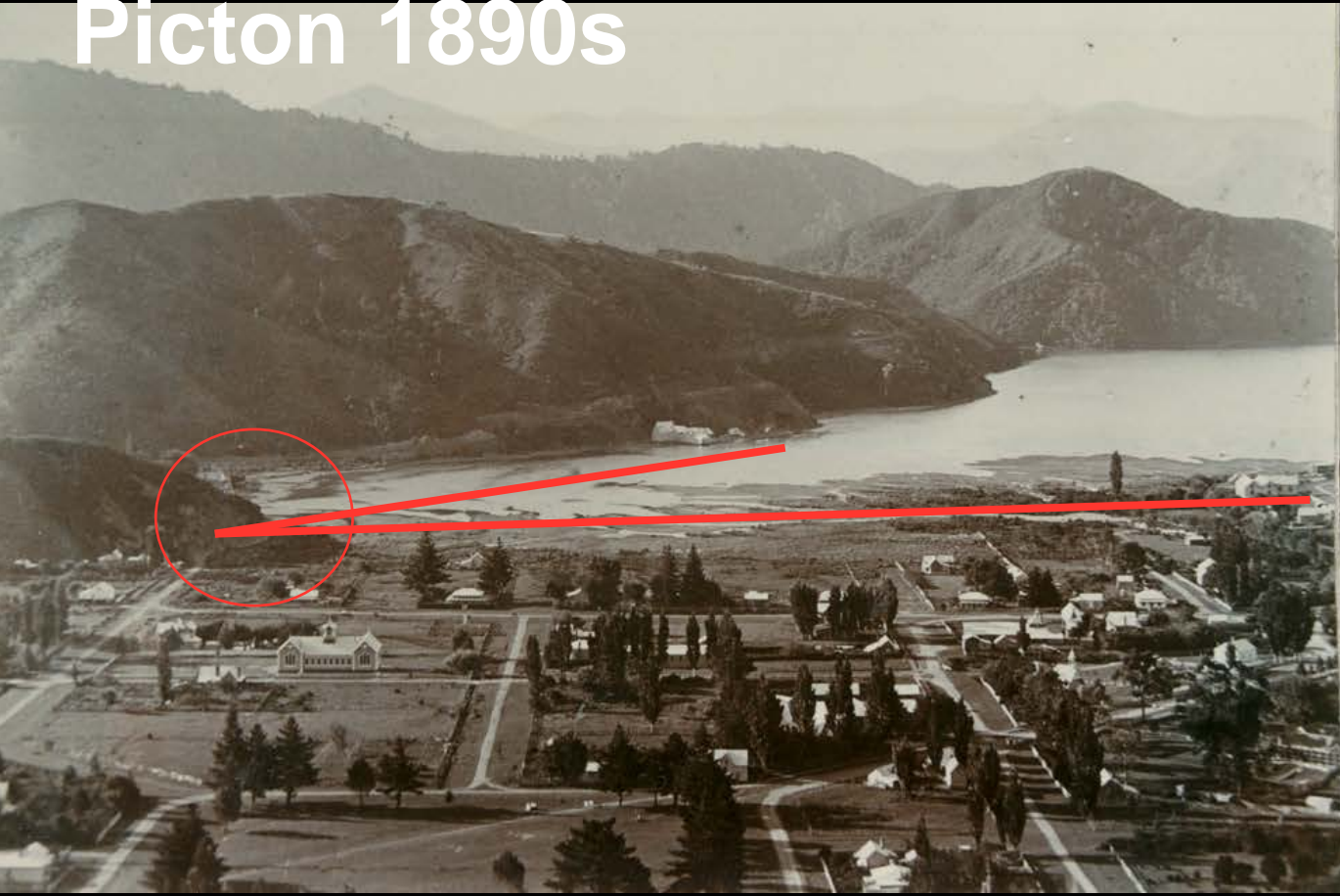
## New Land Transport Infrastructure Road and Rail



Grade separated rail crossings and longer train marshalling

Upgraded road intersections and ferry access

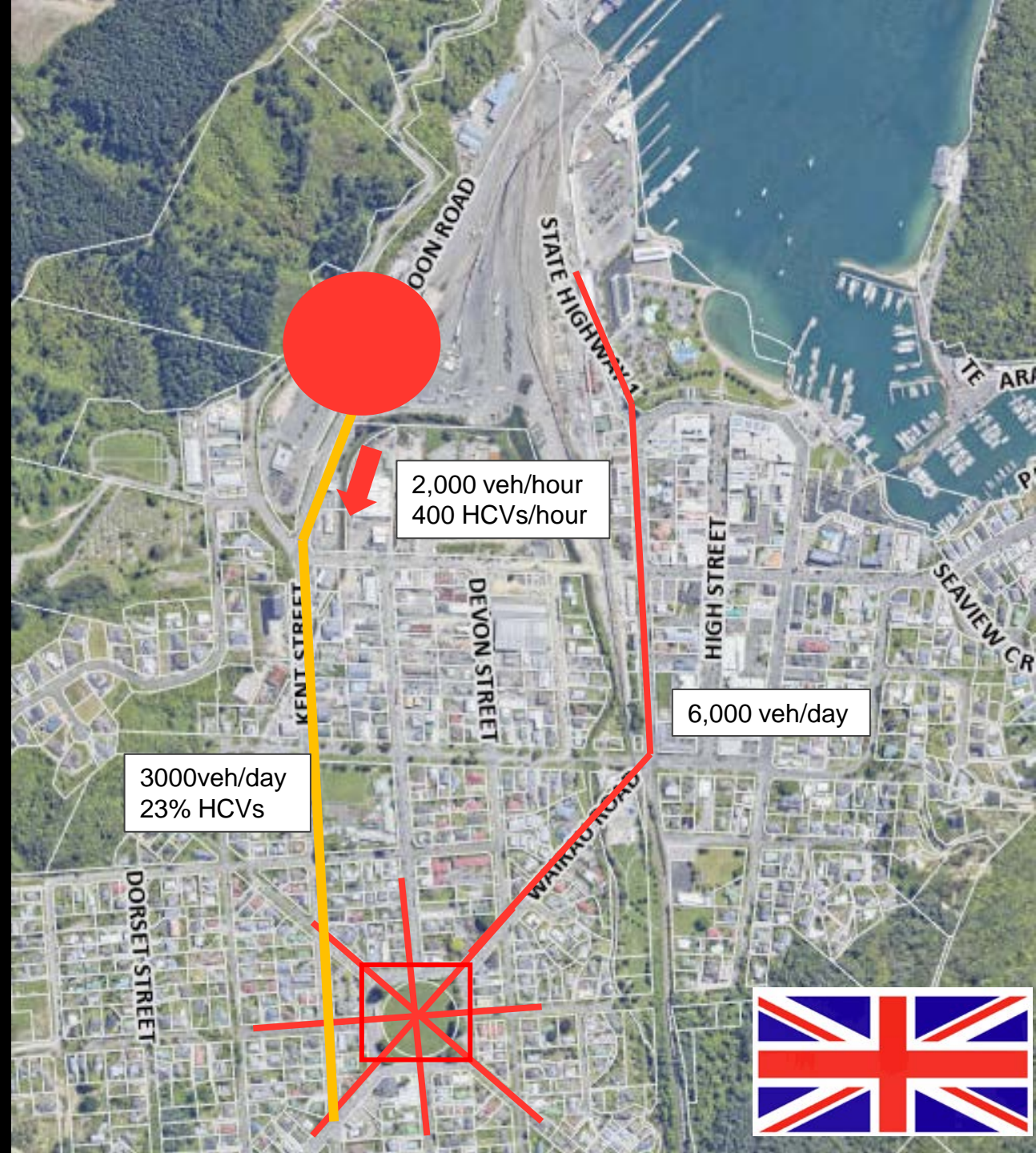
# Pictou 1890s





# Utilising the Existing Road Network

- Picton road layout was designed by the New Zealand company in the 1870s and included one of the largest roundabouts in NZ designed like the Union Jack.
- In 2022 as part of IREX project the loading of interislander vehicles and trucks moved to Lagoon Road, now all ferry traffic uses same entry.
- SH1 no longer the strategic Freight route or the continuation of SH 1 for vehicles or freight





# Transport Design Challenges

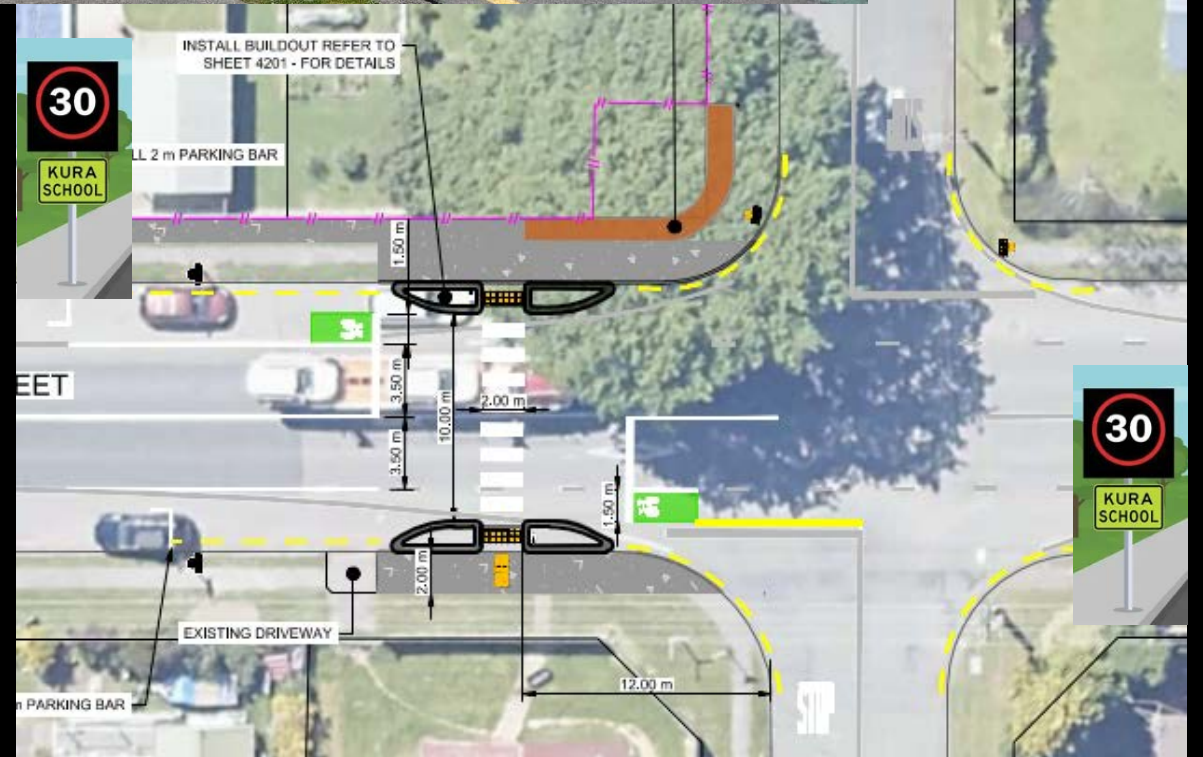
- 1 Designation of new SH 1 route within 12 months
- 2 New SH 1 Kent St carries 23% Heavy Vehicles with ferry peak flows
- 3 Safety enhancements along new SH 1 route for school, residents and active mode
- 4 Intersection Upgrades with priority to new SH 1
- 5 Wayfinding

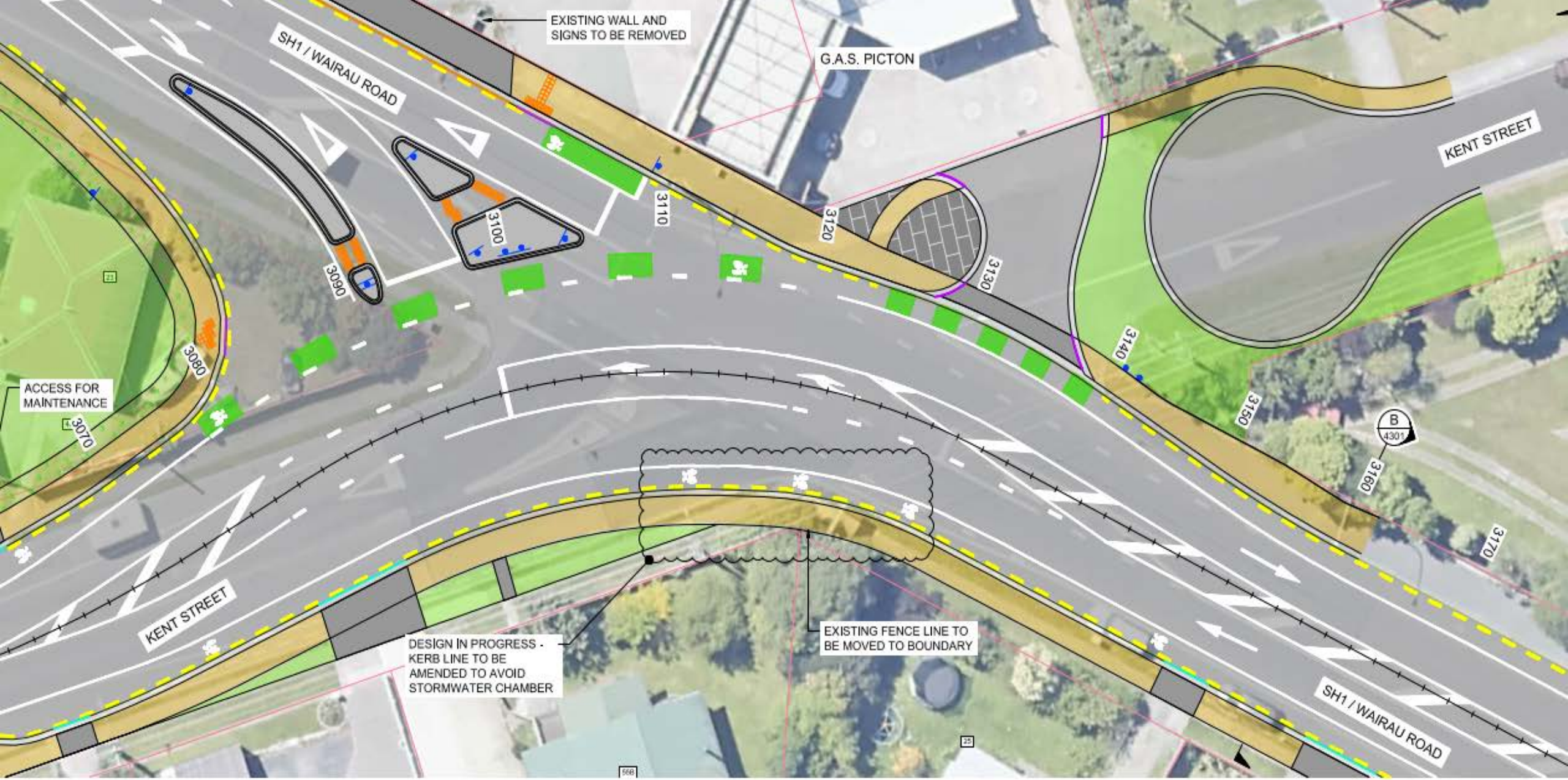
New SH 1 route designated and approved within 12 months





# New Kent St Crossing





**WAIRAU / KENT ST INTERSECTION**



# Wayfinding Challenges

## Way finding

- TCD Manual does not cover designation or have symbols for ferry, rental cars, walk on passengers
- Same company Interislander two different locations for different modes
- How do we sign bus station and train station or should we?
- Do we sign rental car returns, commercial operator?





# Resilience built into the project





# Thankyou

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