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Attention: District Plan Review

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Attention: Hearing Commissioners

Dear Commissioners

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Letter to be tabled at Hearing Stream 2: Urban Environment, Sustainability, and General District Wide Matters

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) lodged a submission on the Proposed Central Hawke's Bay District Plan (S57). Fire and Emergency has opted not to attend Hearing Stream 2, scheduled to commence 30 March 2022 and requests that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.

The section 42A Reporting Officer's reports for Hearing Stream 2 have been received. Overall, there is a good level of agreement with the Reporting Officer's recommendations in relation to Fire and Emergency's submission. The sections below therefore focus on those matters that are not yet agreed and / or where agreement is met in relation to recommendations within.

The provision of firefighting water supply

Through its submission, Fire and Emergency sought the introduction of a new servicing standard and accompanying assessment matter, specific to the provision of a satisfactory water supply to developments, particularly for firefighting, where they may not involve subdivision. This has been sought across all zones in the district and of relevance to Hearing Stream 2 covers: GRZ – General Residential Zone, SETZ – Settlement Zone, COMZ – Commercial Zone and GIZ – General Industrial Zone.

Fire and Emergency attended Hearing Stream 1 to speak to its submission. Fire and Emergency set out its position associated with the Reporting Officer's recommendation to reject the new servicing standard and accompanying assessment matter in relation to the LLRZ – Large Lot Residential Zone.

At Hearing 1, the Panel directed Fire and Emergency and the Reporting Officer to work together to develop suggested provisions for firefighting water supply across the relevant zones. This will be undertaken on a 'without prejudice' basis with a view to coming back to the Commissioners with a resolution at Hearing Stream 3. On this basis, Fire and Emergency does not consider it necessary to speak to its submission at Hearing Stream 2.

District-Wide Matters - Temporary Activities

Fire and Emergency sought a new definition for the 'Temporary Emergency Services Training Activity' to enable Fire and Emergency to achieve its main functions under sections 11 and 12 of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017. Fire and Emergency also sought a new rule in the 'TEMP - Temporary Activities' chapter to provide for emergency service training.

The Reporting Officer has recommended rejection of Fire and Emergency's submission on the basis that the intent is that emergency service training is part and parcel of 'emergency services activities', which are provided for as Permitted Activities across all zones in the Proposed District Plan (subject to standards).

The Reporting Officer acknowledges that there is some ambiguity about whether training falls within 'activities' in the above 'Emergency Service Activities' definition, and that it would be appropriate to clarify this. It is therefore the Reporting Officers view that, rather than create a separate new activity rule and accompanying definition to provide for 'temporary emergency service training activities' (where the proposed definition limits its application to 'temporary activities undertaken for the training of any component of Fire and Emergency for any emergency purpose'), the definition of 'emergency services activities' be amended to explicitly refer to associated training instead, as follows:

EMERGENCY SERVICE ACTIVITIES those activities and associated facilities that respond to emergency call-outs, including police, fire, civil defence and ambulance services, including associated training activities, but excluding health care facilities and hospitals.

I agree with the Reporting Officer that the above amendment would provide greater clarity to plan users, including Fire and Emergency and other emergency service providers, that training associated with emergency services activities is covered and is subject to the rules for 'emergency service activities' within the relevant zone. This is supported by Fire and Emergency.

Yours sincerely



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