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**Attention:** Hearing Commissioners

**Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Letter to be tabled at Hearing Stream 4: Tangata Whenua Provisions (Hearing 2)**

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on the Proposed Central Hawke's Bay District Plan (Proposed District Plan). Fire and Emergency has opted not to attend Hearing Stream 4 (second stage), scheduled to commence 14 November 2022 and requests that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.

The section 42A reports for Hearing Stream 4 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. Below sets out the matters where agreement is met in relation to recommendations within.

Firefighting Water Supply in Standard PKH-S2

Fire and Emergency sought through its submission amendment to PKH-S2 to require residential units to provide a firefighting water supply in accordance with SNZ PAS 4509:2008 New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice (SNZ PAS 4509:2008) and to encourage alternative methods of servicing such as communal firefighting water supply for a development to adequately achieve safe and effective provision. Fire and Emergency has also submitted on the various zone chapters of the Proposed District Plan on this matter which was considered as part of Hearing Stream 3. The Reporting Officer has recommended that the provisions agreed for inclusion in the rural zones would also be appropriate in the Papakāinga and Kaumātua Housing chapter.

Fire and Emergency supports the intent of the Reporting Officer's recommendation. However Fire and Emergency would highlight that taking the approach recommended by the Reporting Officer of prescribing how firefighting water supply must be provided does remove the flexibility inherent within SNZ PAS 4509:2008 which provides for alternative methods of servicing, such as a communal firefighting water supply which may be beneficial for papakāinga.

While prescribing the means of providing firefighting water supply in the rule could be perceived as providing plan users and applicants with greater clarity, however, it does have the disadvantage of removing the ability to provide firefighting water supply using alternative means which Fire and Emergency does not support.

Yours sincerely



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