

Waipa District Council  
101 Bank Street  
Te Awamutu

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## Attention: Hearing Panel Commissioners

Dear Commissioners

### Proposed Plan Change 16: Technical Improvements

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) has lodged a submission on the Proposed Plan Change 16 (PPC16). Fire and Emergency has requested to attend the hearing scheduled to commence Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and requests that this non-expert statement in support of Fire and Emergency's submission be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.

The Section 42A Officer's Report (Officer's report) has been received. Fire and Emergency's response to the Officer's report recommendations on these submission points are set out below.

#### Fire and Emergency Submission

Through its submission, Fire and Emergency has supported PPC16, subject to the PPC16 being amended to provide greater clarity for plan users and to assist Council in the implementation of Rule 15.4.2.22A. The relief sought to the proposed Rule 15.4.2.22A was a minor amendment to allow some flexibility where the subdivision intent does not involve future buildings. This amendment enhances the workability of the rule in its implementation and avoids unnecessary provision of a firefighting water supply. A minor amendment was also sought to the first paragraph to provide clarity in terms of what is being provided, noting access is considered to be adequately addressed in subsection (a).

#### Officer's Report Response

The suggested exemptions sought by Fire and Emergency are supported by Council staff. However, it is preferred by Council that terminology already used in the Waipa District Plan is used in order to avoid inconsistency. For this reason, it is recommended that new text is added at the end of Rule 15.4.2.22A as follows:

15.4.2.2A ....

*This rule does not apply to lots created for the purpose of enabling a conservation block, a network utility, access to a lot or lots having no legal frontage, or a lot solely for a rural purpose and which does not require a residential building.*

This recommendation is supported by Fire and Emergency.

Fire and Emergency further supports the additional text in Rule 15.4.2.22A that clarifies the need to have continuous firefighting water supply independent to the potable water supply required by Rule 15.4.2.22.

Fire and Emergency wish to thank Council staff for engaging with Fire and Emergency early on in the proposed plan change process. This has enabled Council and Fire and Emergency to work through the implementation issues raised by Council and in turn, work towards a more practical solution that provides greater clarity for plan users and assists Council in the implementation of the rule. Fire and Emergency would be happy to work with Council further to ensure the best outcome for both Waipa District and Fire

and Emergency in reducing the incidence of unwanted fire and the associated risk to life and property, and preventing or limiting injury, damage to property land, and the environment.

Further, Fire and Emergency staff would be happy to answer any questions that the Commissioners may have to assist in making an informed decision.

Yours sincerely

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