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Proposed Waikato District Plan Hearing Waikato District Council Private Bag 544 Ngaruawahia 3742

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Via email: districtplan@waidc.govt.nz

Dear Sir/Madam

## Proposed Waikato District Plan– Hearing 12 Country Living Zone Submitter Reference: First Gas Limited 945

Firstgas Ltd writes in relation to Hearing 12 – Country Living Zone, commencing on 7 April 2020. As outlined within the original submission prepared by First Gas (945), First Gas seeks a number of amendments to the Plan which would ensure the District Plan:

- (a) Enables the operation, maintenance, upgrade development and/ or removal of its assets and operations; and
- (b) Protects its assets and operations from others land-use activities.

Amendments sought in the submission include:

- Minimum setbacks to protect the gas network, primarily between sensitive activities and delivery points;
- Additional matters of discretion to better provide for the safe, effective and efficient operation, maintenance and upgrading of the gas network;
- Introduction of additional earthworks rules and matters of discretion to better protect the gas network;
- New subdivision rule to better protect the gas network inclusive of access.

While Firstgas Ltd is not proposing to present evidence to Hearing 12, the principles applicable for the Country Living Zone will be expanded on at the hearing for the Rural Zone which First Gas intends to present evidence at. If, prior to the hearing, the Hearings Panel consider it useful for Firstgas Ltd to appear before the panel to explain and answer any questions, it would be more than happy to do so.

Yours sincerely

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