

Waikato District Council  
Ngaruawahia office  
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13 November 2019

**Attention: Sandra Kelly**

Dear Sandra

### **Fire and Emergency New Zealand - Letter to be tabled at hearing - Hearing 5: Definitions**

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) has lodged a submission on the Proposed Waikato District Plan (submitter 378) and further submissions (submitter FS1114). Fire and Emergency has opted not to attend Hearing 5 – Definitions scheduled to commence Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and requests that in lieu of attendance this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioner's consideration.

The Officer's report for Hearing 5 – Definitions of the Proposed Waikato District Plan has been received. This report is correct in its summary of the relevant submission points. Fire and Emergency's response to the Officer's report recommendations on these submission points are set out below.

#### **Submission Point 378.11 on 'Community Activity' Definition**

The Officer's report has recommended deletion of the term 'Community Activity' and the inclusion of the term 'Community Facility' as defined by the National Planning Standards. In respect of emergency services, the Officer's report does not consider that 'emergency services' falls into this definition and considers it would be appropriate instead to adopt a separate definition of 'emergency services'. The Officer's report considers this further under submission point 378.12.

This recommendation is supported by Fire and Emergency.

#### **Submission Point 378.12 on 'Emergency Services' Definition**

The Officer's report has recommended accepting in part submission point 378.12 which seeks the inclusion of a new definition for 'Emergency Services'. This recommendation is subject to the following:

- The Proposed Waikato District Plan being amended at a later stage in the hearing's process to refer to "emergency services" and "emergency service facilities", then, for ease of reference and clarity, a definition of "emergency services" should be included in the Definitions chapter of the Proposed Waikato District Plan.
- The replacement of the term 'health services' with 'ambulance services' in the definition proposed by Fire and Emergency.

This recommendation is supported by Fire and Emergency.

Fire and Emergency note that our submission also seeks to include emergency services as either a permitted, restricted discretionary, or discretionary activity, depending on the zone, in the rules in Chapters 16 (Residential Zone), 17 (Business Zone), 18 (Business Town Centre), 19 (Business Zone Tamahere), 20 (Industrial Zone), 21 (Industrial Zone Heavy), 22 (Rural Zone), 23 (Country Living Zone) and 24 (Village

Zone), to enable emergency service facilities. Fire and Emergency also seeks to amend certain relevant Policies in Chapters 4 and 5 to support these rule changes.

**Submission Point 378.13 on 'Emergency Services Training and Management Activities' Definition**

The Officer's report has recommended accepting in part the submission point which seeks the inclusion of a new definition for 'Emergency Services Training and Management Activities' (submission 378.13).

This recommendation is subject to the following:

- The Proposed Waikato District Plan being amended at a later stage in the hearing's process to refer to 'emergency services training and management activities', then, for ease of reference and clarity, a definition of 'emergency services training and management activities' should be included in the Definitions chapter of the Proposed Plan.
- The replacement of the term 'health services' with 'ambulance services' in the definition proposed by Fire and Emergency.

This recommendation is supported by Fire and Emergency.

Fire and Emergency note that our submission seeks to include 'emergency services training and management activities' as a permitted activity in the rules in Chapters 16 (Residential Zone), 17 (Business Zone), 18 (Business Town Centre Zone), 19 (Business Zone Tamahere), 20 (Industrial Zone), 21 (Industrial Zone Heavy), 22 (Rural Zone), 23 (Country Living Zone), and 24 (Village Zone).

Fire and Emergency appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the Waikato District Plan review process, in the interests of enabling people and communities to provide for their social and economic wellbeing, and for their health and safety with regard to fire safety, fire prevention and fire extinction.

Should you have any queries or seek clarification on the above, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely



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