

**BEFORE THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS
WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

**IN THE MATTER of Hearing 5: Definitions of the Proposed Waikato
District Plan**

**STATEMENT OF HILARY JEAN WALKER ON BEHALF OF FEDERATED FARMERS
OF NEW ZEALAND**

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Introduction

1. My name is Hilary Jean Walker. I am a Senior Policy Advisor with Federated Farmers of New Zealand (**FFNZ**).
2. I have reviewed the s 42A report dated 5 November 2019, for Hearing 5 – Definitions in relation to the Proposed Waikato District Plan (**PWDP**). This report addresses matters to which FFNZ made submissions (submitter 680) and further submissions (FS1342).
3. FFNZ has opted not to attend Hearing 5 – Definitions scheduled to commence the week beginning 9th December 2019 and requests that this statement be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.
4. The contents of this statement are made in my role as Senior Policy Advisor, in response to some of the key planning report recommendations made on the FFNZ's submission points that have been assigned to this hearing topic.

Application of National Planning Standards

5. The Section 42A report outlines in section 2.5 the application of the National Planning Standards and recommends at 2.5.1 reasons for applying the definitions Standard during the Proposed District Plan hearing process.
6. FFNZ agrees with the reasoning and approach taken. In particular, we agree on the implications application of the standards will have on the considerations of submissions received, as outlined at paragraphs 68 and 69 of the Section 42A Report.
7. The definitions that are of most interest to FFNZ are recommended for deferral until later hearing topics. The recommendation is supported. It is the best way to facilitate the transition of the National Planning Standards into the Proposed District Plan, whilst ensuing submitter issues are appropriately considered.
8. FFNZ will provide evidence on these definitions within the assigned zone hearings as per the recommended deferral within the Section 42A report.



Hilary Walker
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