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Dear Commissioners

Hearing 5 - Definitions - Support for s42A recommendations

The purpose of this letter is to express support for recommendations made in the Hearing 5: Chapter 13 Definitions Section 42A Report.

Waikato Regional Council (WRC) made a number of submission points relating to definitions. The table below outlines the WRC submission points where the s42A recommendations are supported.

Submission Point	Recommendation
81.237 WRC suggested including definitions for 'low impact design', 'floodplain' and 'flood risk area' to assist with understanding and implementation of provisions that incorporate these terms.	Accepted – inclusion of 'low impact design' definition. Deferred – flood terms. Note: <i>the Waikato Stormwater Management Guideline (WSMG) is the more contemporary document as the Regional Plan is due for review. The WSMG definition should be used when considering definitions for the flood terms.</i>
81.238 The current definition for 'overland flow path' does not align with the definition in the Regional Council's Waikato Stormwater Management Guideline 2018. Amend the definition to read "route taken by stormwater runoff not captured in a reticulated or natural stormwater system".	Accepted - the definition of 'overland flow path' is amended to include the wording proposed by WRC.
81.241 The definition for 'cleanfill' does not fully align with the latest sector guidelines from WasteMINZ Technical Guidelines for Disposal to Land (August 2018)	Accepted in part – Planning Standard definition recommended which more closely aligns with WasteMINZ Technical Guidelines for Disposal to Land (August 2018).
81.247 WRC unsure whether the term 'identified area' is intended to capture ONFL, Significant Amenity Landscapes, NC, SNA and non-SNA areas.	Accepted - Include a new definition for 'identified area').

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Miffy Foley, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Implementation on (07) 839 0516 or via email miffy.foley@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully

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