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Proposed Waikato District Plan Hearing Panel
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Dear Commissioners

RE: Hearing 8A – Hazardous Substances/Contaminated Land – Support for S42A Report Recommendations

On behalf of Livestock Improvement Corporation (“LIC”), the purpose of this letter is to table support for the relevant recommendation made in the Section 42A Report for Hearing 8A – Hazardous Substances/Contaminated Land.

LIC made one submission point relating to hazardous substances (submission point 637.9) seeking that the Proposed District Plan continue with the same approach as the Operative District Plan with regards to permitted thresholds for hazardous substances within an “*Agricultural Research Centre Campus*”. The LIC Campus and Farm are located in Newstead, and consistent with the approach in the Operative District Plan, are identified as an “*Agricultural Research Centre*” specific area/activity overlay on the Proposed District Plan planning maps (with an underlying Rural Zone), and the LIC Campus is identified as an “*Agricultural Research Centre Campus*”.

In Appendix H (Hazardous Substances) of the Operative District Plan, Table HT1 specifies the permitted activity thresholds for hazardous substances, and “*Agricultural Research Centre Campus*” is in the same category as the Industrial Zone. However, under the corresponding Table 5.1 in Appendix 5 (Hazardous Substances) of the Proposed District Plan, there is no specific provision for “*Agricultural Research Centre Campus*” so as a result the more restrictive permitted activity thresholds from the underlying Rural Zone apply. LIC’s submission sought that Table 5.1 be amended so that “*Agricultural Research Centre Campus*” is added to the column for the Business, Business Town Centre, Business Tamahere, Industrial, Heavy Industrial, Hampton Downs Motor

Sport and Recreation and Te Kowhai Airpark Zones. The Section 42A Report recommends accepting LIC's submission and makes the following supportive comment:

The Agricultural Research Centre Campus and Waikato Innovation Park had previously been included in Appendix H of the Operative Waikato District Plan, and I suspect were omitted by mistake from the notified District Plan. I therefore recommend accepting these submissions.

The Section 42A Report recommendation is supported by LIC.

Should there be any queries raised in relation to this matter, please contact me via the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. J. Mathieson', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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