

Waimakariri District Council
215 High Street
Rangiora
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Dear Hearing Commissioner

**Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Letter to be tabled for Proposed Waimakariri District Plan –
Whaitua Ahumahi – Industrial Chapters**

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan: Whaitua Ahumahi – Industrial Chapters. Fire and Emergency have opted not to attend the hearing scheduled to commence from the 17 April 2024 and request that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.

Fire and Emergency's Submission

Fire and Emergency sought a number of changes to the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan. The s42A report for the Whaitua Ahumahi – Industrial Chapter has been reviewed. The relief sought by Fire and Emergency and the officer's recommendations are outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1. FENZ Submissions and officer's recommendation

Provision	Decision Requested	Officer Recommendation
LIZ-R8	Retain as notified	Accept
GIZ-P1	Retain as notified	Accepted in part
GIZ-R8	Retain as notified	Accepted
HIZ-R13	Insert new provision for Emergency Service Facility as a permitted activity	Reject

As indicated in Table 1, Fire and Emergency were agreeable to majority of the objectives, policies and rules that were proposed within the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan: Whaitua Ahumahi – Industrial Chapters.

Fire and Emergency sought a new provision for an Emergency Service Facility to be a permitted activity in the Heavy Industrial Zone.

Reporting Officer Response

The reporting officer has rejected the relief sought by Fire and Emergency and states the following "The HIZ is limited to two discrete sites (the Daiken MDF factory in Ashley / Sefton and the Oxford Sawmill). The Daiken site is an industrial spot zone surrounded by rural zone, while the Oxford site is adjacent to the town

of Oxford and is predominantly surrounded by rural zone. I note that emergency services facilities are proposed to be restricted discretionary in the rural zones.

Given the activities operating from these sites and their locations I do not consider these sites are suitable to locate emergency services in. I acknowledge that additional HIZ sites may occur in the future, but these will be limited. In the absence of evidence as to why these particular sites are required for the emergency services network, I recommend that this submission is rejected.”

Fire and Emergency Response

Fire and Emergency acknowledge that the HIZ is limited to discrete areas within the district. However, Fire and Emergency maintain that Emergency Service Facility are permitted activities in the HIZ. This would provide Fire and Emergency with the ability to construct and operate fire stations, in the future, in locations which enable reasonable response times for fire and other emergencies. However, if the Commissioners are minded to agree with the Officer's recommendation, given the discrete nature of the two sites, Fire and Emergency will accept the proposed restricted discretionary activity rule.

Yours sincerely



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