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Dear Hearing Commissioner

**Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Letter to be tabled for Private Plan Change 31**

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on the Private Plan Change 31 – Ohoka Plan Change. Fire and Emergency has opted not to attend the hearing scheduled to commence on 3 August 2023 and requests that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.

Fire and Emergency's Submission

Fire and Emergency were neutral on the plan change subject to the matters raised in the submission being addressed. The relief that was sought by the submission was:

*"Seek proposed roads are designed in accordance with transport standards to ensure fire appliances can manoeuvre easily along roads."*

Officers Report

The s42A report for RCP031 Ohoka Plan Change has been received. The reporting officer has stated the following with respect to the transport network effects which the Fire and Emergency Submission relates to:

*"In his evidence Mr Binder considers that from a transport perspective, the transport network proposed on-site within the ODP would appear to be generally appropriate to enable internal circulation however he does not support a deviation from the ODP road design standards without substantive justification and further analysis of the impacts of a different standard of roadway (paragraphs 50 and 52)".*

The s42a reporting officer has also noted the following:

*"Noting my conclusions in relation to the NPS-UD and CRPS in the statutory assessment section of my report, it is my opinion that the proposal will not contribute to a well-functioning environment for these transport matters."*

Fire and Emergency Response

Fire and Emergency support the recommendations by the reporting officer in relation to Fire and Emergency's submission points in full.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.R. Shirley".

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