

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of hearings on the Proposed Waimakariri District Council District Plan Stream 5 Noise

Submission from:

New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association (NZAAA)

To:

Hearing Commissioners, Waimakariri District Council Plan

Date:

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1. Introduction

1.1 I am Tony Michelle, Executive Officer of the New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association.

2. NZAAA's Further Statement

2.1 NZAAA wishes to provide evidence from recent District Council district plan reviews that relate to the provisions for Agricultural Aviation activities.

2.2 Dunedin City Council 2nd Generation District Plan (2GP) Appeals Version:

Definition of Farming includes: *the take-off or landing of fixed-wing aircraft undertaking operations as part of farming on rural airstrips and landing areas*

16.3.3 Rural activities,

16.3.3 b. *Farming* Permitted activity NIL Performance standards

Definition of Farming excludes: *helicopter movements*

Definition of Helicopter Movements: *The use of land for the occasional loading and unloading, and take-off and landing of helicopters. Helicopter movements are an activity in the temporary activities category*

Temporary Activities,

4.5.3 Maximum Duration, Frequency, and Site Restoration,

4.5.3.3 Helicopter movements,

4.5.3.3 b. *Helicopter movements for emergency services or that support farming activity are exempt from this standard*

Note 4.5.3.3A - Copyright information,

The limits on helicopter movements in Rule 4.5.3.3 are from NZS6807:1994 Noise Management and Land Use Planning for Helicopter Landing Areas.

2.3 Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (West Coast Combined)

NOISE - R2 Emissions of Noise in All Zones,

11. Agriculture, horticulture and pastoral farming activities undertaken for a limited duration, including using agricultural vehicles, machinery, aircraft or equipment used on a seasonal or intermittent basis in the General Rural and Rural Lifestyle zones;

12. Infrequent aircraft landing for rural production purposes on an intermittent basis, including aerial topdressing and helicopter movements;

2.4 Partially Operative Selwyn District Plan (Decisions Version)

GRUZ-R27 Aircraft and Helicopter Movements Ancillary to Rural Production,
Activity status: PER,

1. Aircraft movements and helicopter movements associated with purposes ancillary to rural production including topdressing, spraying, stock management, fertiliser application, and frost mitigation, including the incidental landing and take-off of helicopters during their normal course of operation

GRUZ-R28 Helicopter Landing Areas and Airfields,
Activity status: PER,

1. The establishment of a new, or expansion of an existing helicopter landing areas or airfield.

Where this activity complies with the following rule requirements:

GRUZ-REQ12 Airfield and Helicopter Landing Areas Setback

GRUZ-REQ13 Aircraft and Helicopter Movements

GRUZ-REQ14 Aircraft and Helicopter Movement Hours of Operation

GRUZ-REQ15 Flight Log

Note:

Aircraft movements and/or helicopter movements for purposes ancillary to rural production, including topdressing, spraying, stock management, fertiliser application, and frost mitigation, undertaken on the same site as the site of the helicopter landing areas and/or airfield are exempt from rule requirements listed above.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this statement in support of the NZAAA's submissions and further submissions.

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