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Hearings Administrator
Waimakariri District Council

Attention: Audrey Benbrook

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RE: Hearing Statement for the Fuel Companies on Hearing Stream 10A of the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan

- 1.1 This Hearing Statement has been prepared on behalf of bp Oil New Zealand Limited, Mobil Oil New Zealand Limited, and Z Energy Limited (*the Fuel Companies*) and represents their views. It is not expert evidence. The Fuel Companies will not be attending the hearing but ask that this Hearing Statement be tabled before the Panel.
- 1.2 The Fuel Companies did not make a submission on the chapters contained within Hearing Stream 10A (*HS10A*) of the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan (*PDP*). The Fuel Companies did make a further submission (further submitter 104) on Christchurch International Airport Limited's (CIAL) (submitter 254) submission to amend the definition of 'reverse sensitivity' as set out below (insertions underlined):
- "means the potential for the operation of an existing lawfully established activity to be compromised, constrained, or curtailed by the more recent establishment, intensification or alteration of another activity which may be sensitive to the actual, potential or perceived adverse environmental effects generated by an existing activity."*
- 1.3 In their further submission, the Fuel Companies supported CIAL's proposed amended definition of 'reverse sensitivity' on the basis it specifically acknowledges that reverse sensitivity effects can occur or be exacerbated from the intensification of existing activities.
- 1.4 The Section S42A recommendation is to reject CIAL's submission on the on the basis that *'while the definition is recommended to be retained, the amendment sought is considered unnecessary, as 'alteration' is already included and 'intensification' can be considered a type of 'alteration'¹.*

¹ Pages 1 and 2, Appendix A of S42A Report

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- 1.5 The Fuel Companies support the S42A recommendation as they agree that '*alteration*' does provide adequate direction to consider any change in an activity, including any subsequent change in the nature, scale or intensity of any effects, and how this change has the potential to generate reverse sensitivity effects.
- 1.6 Thank you for your time and acknowledgement of the issues raised in the Fuel Companies' submission. Please do not hesitate to contact the writer on 021 948 073 should you wish to clarify any matters addressed herein.

Regards,



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