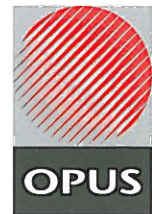


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Dear Robyn

Proposed One Plan – Evidence for the General Hearing from the New Zealand Police

The New Zealand Police wishes to table the following evidence to the Hearing Panel at the Hearing for the following topics: Administration and Finance; Air; Natural Hazards; Infrastructure Energy and Waste (including Management of Production Soils); and Landscapes and Natural Character.

Rule 14-4 Small-scale fuel burning

The New Zealand Police sought an amendment to Rule 14-4 to allow for the burning of green matter in equipment that controls the combustion process. We proposed the following wording for this Rule (proposed changes are underlined):

"The discharge of contaminants into air from burning coal, untreated wood, diesel, kerosene, light fuel oil (excluding waste oil), methane or natural or liquefied petroleum gas for the purpose of generating useful heat, steam, power or electricity, and disposal of vegetative matter."

Horizons Senior Consultant Planner has recommended (AIR 31) that our submission (submission point 25/4) be accepted, recognising the need for the New Zealand Police to be able to use an accelerant for the purposes of disposing of green vegetative matter, where the purpose is disposal and not the generation of heat. However, Horizons have not accepted our proposed wording, and instead have proposed to re-word Rule 14-4 as follows (words added are underlined):

"14-4 Small-scale fuel burning (permitted)

The discharge of contaminants into air from burning coal, untreated wood, diesel, kerosene, light fuel oil, oil (excluding waste oil), methane, biofuels, or natural or liquefied petroleum gas for the purpose of generating useful heat, steam, power or electricity and disposal of green vegetative matter undertaken by New Zealand Police or the Department of Corrections."

The New Zealand Police accept the proposed wording of Council's Senior Consultant Planner, as this alteration of the Rule meets the needs of the New Zealand Police – providing for the use of accelerants to dispose of green waste.

Requested Amendments:

- The New Zealand Police request that the recommendations of Council's Senior Consultant Planner with regards to Rule 14-4 (AIR 31) be adopted.

Rule 14-5 Open burning

The New Zealand Police made a submission in support of Rule 14-5 (Open Burning) and requested that it be retained as written in the Proposed One Plan (submission point 36/13). Proposed new wording for Rule 14-5 was circulated following our pre-hearing meeting on 9 May 2008. We expressed our support for the amended Rule 14-5, as it no longer restricts the burning of

vegetable matter, paper and cardboard to the land on which it was sourced, and removes the requirement for open burning to be undertaken on production land. These changes have been retained in the recommended wording of Rule 14-5 as written in the Planning Evidence and Recommendations Report for the Air Chapter of the One Plan Hearing.

Horizons Regional Council has accepted our submission on Rule 14-5 in part (AIR 32), to the extent the rule is to be modified. The only further modification from draft wording that was circulated to us in May following our pre-hearing meeting is the addition of a new permitted activity condition requiring the discharge to not cause a reduction in visibility on any designated commercial or military flight path. The New Zealand Police is supportive of this new permitted activity condition. Rule 14-5 as recommended by Council's Senior Consultant Planner (AIR 32) meets the needs of the New Zealand Police in regards to open burning.

Requested Amendments:

- The New Zealand Police request that the recommendations of Council's Senior Consultant Planner with regards to Rule 14-5 (AIR 32) be adopted.

Should the Hearings Panel have any further questions, or seek further clarification on any of the matters raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me on (06) 350 3271, or my colleague Andrea Harris on (06) 350 2504.

Yours sincerely



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