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Dear Madam/Sir,

SUBMISSION: PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 6A – LEVIN NORTH WEST (LNW1) GROWTH AREA.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on Proposed Plan Change 6A: Levin North West (LNW1) Growth Area.

Horizons Regional Council (**Horizons**) is responsible for managing natural resources across our region, which includes flood control, air and water quality monitoring, pest control, facilitating economic growth, leading regional land transport planning and coordinating the region's response to natural disasters.

Environmental planning is a key function. Horizons' integrated planning document, the One Plan, sets out four keystone environmental issues for the region – surface water quality degradation, increasing water demand, unsustainable hill country land use, and threatened indigenous biodiversity.

Horizons has no trade competition advantage in this submission. Our interest in the proposed plan change is primarily from our role as the regional authority for the area that is subject to the plan change. The submission reviews the proposed district plan change in regards to its alignment with the Regional Policy Statement component of the One Plan and seeking to ensure that the proposed change is consistent with the One Plan provisions.

General Comments

The Proposed Plan Change 6A (PPC) primarily gives effect to Urban Form and Development (UFD) provisions of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) in One Plan, as well as to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD). It generally supports enabling a well-functioning urban environment in the Horowhenua District.

The stormwater strategy proposes discharging treated stormwater to the existing wetland. Please note that any discharge to a natural inland wetland is likely to require resource consent under the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020 (NES-FW). Specifically, Regulation 52 of the NES-FW states that discharges of water or contaminants into, or within 100 metres of, a natural wetland are a discretionary activity, unless otherwise permitted. As the

regional council, Horizons is the consenting authority for such activities, and any discharge will need to obtain resource consent from Horizons.

Submission Point

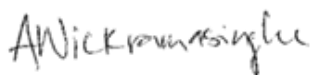
In this context, Horizons **supports** the provisions proposed in the Plan Change, particularly the objectives and policies and standards listed below, which give effect to the One Plan Regional Policy Statement (RPS) provisions, particularly those under Urban Form and Development (UFD), Hazard and Risks (HAZ), Freshwater (LF-FW), and Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity (ECO).

- REZ-GRZ-Prec28-O2
- REZ-GRZ-Prec28-O3
- REZ-GRZ-Prec28-O4
- REZ-GRZ- P27
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- REZ-GRZ- P40
- REZ-GRZ- P45
- REZ-GRZ- P49
- GRZ-S7
- GRZ-S21
- GRZ-S24
- SUB-R4
- SUB-R5

Relief sought: Horizons requests to retain the provisions proposed in the Plan change that are necessary for the Horowhenua District Plan to give effect to the relevant provisions of the One Plan.

Horizons wishes to be heard in support of this submission. If others make similar submissions, Horizons would be open to presenting a joint submission to the hearing panel.

Yours sincerely,



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