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Via email: regionalplan@gw.govt.nz

Attention: Hearings officer

HEARING ON PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN HEARING STREAM 3

Background

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has made submissions on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (PNRP) on various matters involving NZDF's facilities, including Trentham Military Camp in Upper Hutt, and its activities in the Wellington region. NZDF's submission on the PNRP included a number of submission points relating to water allocation. These matters are being addressed in Hearing Stream 3. NZDF's concerns broadly relate to the integration of the Whaitua chapters and chapter 5 of the PNRP.

NZDF will not be appearing at the hearing for Stream 3, but requests that this letter be tabled and considered by the Hearings Panel.

Section 42A Officer's Reports

The s42A officer's report for water allocation addresses NZDF's submission points. NZDF is satisfied with the officer's response to a number of NZDF's submission points and therefore these have not been addressed further in this letter.

NZDF wishes to address submission point S81/037, in which it requested the inclusion of a permitted activity for small water takes.

The officer's report (paragraph 423) states that *"for clarity I recommend the rules in the whaitua chapters are amended so it is clear Rules R136, R137, Rule R138, Rule R139, Rule 140 and R141 are not subject to the whaitua rules"*.

Rule R136 provides for small water takes of up to 10m³ or 20m³ per day (depending on the size of the property). If the plan makes it clear that the Whaitua rules do not apply in addition to this rule, the officer's recommendations resolve NZDF's concerns.

Closing

NZDF will not attend the hearing for Hearing Stream 3 but retains the right to appear at future hearings on other topics, if required.

Yours faithfully



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