

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of hearings for the Proposed Gore District Council
District Plan

Second submission from:

The New Zealand Helicopter Association (NZHA)

To:

Hearing Commissioners, Gore District Council Plan

Date:

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1. Introduction

I am Tony Michelle, Executive Officer of the New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association (NZAAA). The NZAAA is one of 6 divisions of the Aviation Industry Association of New Zealand (AIANZ).

The NZHA is also one of 6 divisions of AIANZ. In this matter, I am acting as an interim advocate following the resignation of the incumbent NZHA Executive Officer until a replacement is appointed.

2. Minute 24

- 2.1 Minute 24 sought a Reporting Officer comment on NOISE-R9 – ‘Consider provision of ‘infrequent’ helicopter movements in consultation with Jon Styles (Styles Group) and Tony Michelle (New Zealand Helicopter Association)’

3. Second Reporting Officer Right of Reply of Victoria Woodbridge

- 3.1 The Second Report (11 a.) inserting a note that ‘Noise from helicopters associated with construction work is provided for by NOISE-R2’ is supported.
- 3.2 The Second Report (11 b. para 1) that recommends the amendment to TEMP-R11 to provide an alternative pathway for helicopter and aircraft movements which are not associated with the activities identified in TEMP-R11(1)(a)-(d) is supported.
- 3.3 The Second Report (11 b. para 3) that recommends the amendment to NOISE-R10(3) providing for 10 movements per month is supported.
- 3.4 The Second Report (11 c. (i), (ii) and (ii)) consequential recommendations to amend NOISE-R10 are supported.
- 3.5 The Second Report (13) that recommends limiting movements to 3 days every 12 months is supported in part.
- 3.4.1 In some respects, the limitation of 3 days every 12 months is more restrictive than the original provisions of ‘2 movements per day; and 4 movements per week; and 10 movements per month.’

- 3.4.2 The original s42A report and acoustic engineers report provide no effects-based justification for limiting infrequent movements nor is any provided in the s42A writers Second Report.
- 3.4.3 The NZHA seeks that the limitation be amended to a 3-month period to better provide for infrequent ad hoc activities that would result in minor effects.

4. Decisions sought

- 4.1 Accept the recommendation to add a note to NOISE-R2: **3. Noise from helicopters associated with construction work is provided for by NOISE-R2.**
- 4.2 Accept the recommendation to amend Temp- R11 Aircraft and Helicopter Movements: c. in relation to helicopters the maintenance, upgrade or installation of infrastructure associated with the National Grid ~~where compliance with NOISE-R910(3)~~ there are no more than 10 movements per month
- 4.3 Accept the recommended amendments to NOISE-R10:
1. The activity is permitted under TEMP-R11
~~2. The take off and/or landing are to and/or from a helicopter landing area which is:~~
~~3. separated from the notional boundary on another site by a minimum distance of 300m; and~~
~~4. separated from any occupied building that does not contain a noise sensitive activity on another site in any zone by a minimum distance of 200m; and~~
~~5. The flight path to the helicopter landing area is not within a horizontal distance of 250m of any notional boundary on any other site; and~~
~~6. The number of movements to and from the helicopter landing area does not exceed:~~
~~7. 2 movements per day; and~~
~~8. 4 movements per week; and~~
~~9. 10 movements per month.~~
- 4.4 Amend the recommendation to add to TEMP-R11 as follows:
2. Movements from or to a site are undertaken on no more than 3 days (either consecutively or non-consecutively) over a ~~12 month~~ 3-month period; and
3. Movements are only undertaken between the hours of 7am and 7pm
4. The site is not within the General Residential Zone or Medium Density Residential Zone. Note: For the purpose of TEMP-R11(2) a 'day' is counted where there is at least one movement although there is no limit on the number of movements which may be undertaken on that 'day' subject to compliance with TEMP-R11(3).

Thank you for the opportunity to present this statement on behalf of the NZHA.



Tony Michelle