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Attention: Hearing Commissioner

Dear Hearing Commissioner

Fire and Emergency New Zealand letter to be tabled in lieu of attendance at hearing – Proposed Gore District Plan – Subdivision Chapter

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on the Proposed Gore District Plan. Fire and Emergency have opted not to attend hearings scheduled to commence on 14 October 2024 and requests that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners consideration.

Fire and Emergency sought a number of changes to the Proposed Gore District Plan. The section 42A report for the plan's Contaminated Land, Hazardous Substances, Noise, Public Access and Subdivision chapters have been reviewed. Fire and Emergency acknowledges the general degree of support from the reporting officer for its submission points. Fire and Emergency also acknowledge that we have no comments with respect to the Public Access chapter.

Subdivision Chapter - SUB-R1 - Boundary Adjustments

Fire and Emergency supported in part the subdivision provision for boundary adjustments, but sought the following amendment to point 2 of the matters of control:

2. ~~The provision, design and construction of infrastructure and services; and~~ for servicing, including water supply, firefighting water supply in accordance with SNZ PAS 4509:2008, wastewater treatment and disposal, stormwater design and disposal, electricity and telecommunications.

The reporting officer rejected the change sought and considered the matter of control is sufficient for decision makers to determine and assess what servicing is necessary for the boundary adjustment. Fire and Emergency wish to reiterate their original submission point and considers that a matter of control in line with the SNZ PAS 4509:2008 standards means that there is assurance that the planner assessing the application will do so in line with the code of practice. Fire and Emergency consider that not specifying the code of practice will leave room for error and outcomes that could hinder Fire and Emergency responding to events in the best practicable way.



SUB-R5 – All other subdivision, SUB – R6 – Subdivision in Gore South Development Area, SUB - R7 Subdivision in Gore West Development Area.

Fire and Emergency supported in part SUB - R5, SUB – R6 and SUB – R7 but sought that the SNZ PAS 4509:2008 Firefighting Code of Practice is specified in the matter of discretion. The reporting officer considered that the matter of discretion (9) was sufficient to enable consideration of firefighting requirements.

In line with the relief sought in SUB-R1, Fire and Emergency reiterates their original submission point. We emphasize that the Code of Practice specified in the matter of discretion ensures that assessors consider the operational needs of Fire and Emergency services, thereby maintaining consistency across subdivisions in the area.

Yours sincerely



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