

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) and
The New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association
(NZAAA)

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 for the NZHA following the resignation of the incumbent Executive Officer until a replacement is appointed.

2. Minute 32

2.1 Minute 32 sought the Reporting Officer comments to a number of questions.

2.2 For the sake of clarity reference is made to the rule numbering based on the latest amended version of the Chapter rather than the notified version.

2.3 We have been provided with the Reporting Officers response to minute 32 and have discussed this with the Reporting Officer. We respond to the Reporting Officers comments and recommendations where appropriate.

3. Response to Minute 32 – Aircraft and Helicopter Movements From Victoria Woodbridge on behalf of Gore District Council

3.1 The Report (31, 32 & 35) that the PDP enables agricultural aviation in the General Rural Zone (GRUZ), Rural Lifestyle Zone (RLZ) and the Mandeville Aviation and Rail Precinct is supported.

3.2 The Report (43), NZAAA agrees that if it is unclear as to whether agricultural aviation is also permitted within the Airport Zone then adding the words 'including agricultural aviation' to Rule AIRPZ-R1 would clarify.

3.3 The Report (50) that clarity is provided by amending the heading of TEMP-R11 is supported.

3.4 The Report (80) that recommends the addition of a note to NOISE-R2 clarifying that noise from helicopters used as part of construction activities are included in the rule is supported.

- 3.5 The Report (100) includes the identical provisions of the Second Reporting Officers Report (13) that recommends limiting movements in TEMP-R11(2) 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 that the NOISE-R9 zones are amended:
All Zones General Rural Zone and Rural Lifestyle Zone
- 4.2 If appropriate, consider adding words to AIRPZ-R1:
Aviation Activity **(including agricultural aviation activity)**
- 4.3 Accept the recommendation to amend the TEMP-R11 header:
Aircraft and Helicopter **Movements (take-offs and landings)**
- 4.4 Accept the recommendation to amend Note 3 of NOISE-R2:
Noise from helicopters associated with used as part of construction work activities, for example lifting of construction and building materials, is provided for by NOISE-R2. Noise from helicopters used in construction activities is measured in accordance with NZS6803:1999
- 4.4 Amend the Reporting Officers recommendation to add to TEMP-R11 as sought by NZHA:
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 and the NZAAA.



Tony Michelle