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To the Hearings Panel Committee

**S0719-NZ Transport Agency-T10-Comments**

**Chapter 28: Natural Hazards**

The Transport Agency's submission (Submission #719) on the Proposed District Plan addressed two matters in relation to the Natural Hazards Chapter (Chapter 28). The Transport Agency has reviewed the Section 42A Report and recommendations in relation to the Transport Agency's submission on matters that are being considered in the context of the Natural Hazards hearing. The Transport Agency confirms that the report accurately summarises the Transport Agency's submission.

The Transport Agency is not intending to provide expert evidence in relation to these submission points. The reasons for this are set out below, where we identify the specific submission points made by the Transport Agency in relation to the Natural Hazards Chapter, summarise the Section 42A Report recommendations, and provide the Transport Agency's response.

***Submission Point SO 719.145 Policy 28.3.1.1***

The Transport Agency submission on Policy 28.3.1.1 emphasised the locational requirements of some infrastructure. The Transport Agency submitted that Policy 28.3.1.1 should be amended to recognise that it is not always possible to locate infrastructure outside of areas susceptible to natural hazards. The Transport Agency's proposed amendment read as follows:

*Where practicable, ensure assets or infrastructure are constructed and located so as to avoid or mitigate the potential risk of damage to human life, property, infrastructural networks and other parts of the environment.*

The Section 42A Report recommends Policy 28.3.1.1 be retained with amendments which recognise that some infrastructure may need to be located on land subject to natural hazard risk. The Section 42A Report recommended amendment to notified Policy 28.3.1.1 reads:

*Ensure assets or infrastructure are constructed and located so as to avoid or mitigate the potential risk of damage to human life, property, and infrastructural networks ~~and other parts of the environment~~ to the extent practicable, whilst acknowledging the locational, technical and operational requirements of regionally significant infrastructure.*

The Transport Agency notes that the proposed changes to the Policy represents an acknowledgement that some infrastructure has locational requirements and that it is not always possible to locate infrastructure outside of areas susceptible to natural hazards. The Transport Agency also agrees with the Section 42A Report which considers this amendment will increase the policy's alignment with notified Policy 28.3.2.5 which recognises that some infrastructure will need to be located on land subject to natural hazard risk. For these reasons the Transport Agency supports the Section 42A Report recommended amendment to Policy 28.3.1.1.

***Submission Point SO 719.146: Policy 28.3.2.5***

This submission supported the wording of Policy 28.3.2.5 and sought no changes. The Section 42A Report has recommended that the Policy be retained, and the Transport Agency's submission is therefore satisfied. The Transport Agency supports this recommendation.

Based on the above comments, the Transport Agency does not consider it necessary to appear at the Natural Hazards Hearing.

Please note that this does not constitute the withdrawal of this part of the Transport Agency's submission.

Yours sincerely



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