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**This is a submission on the following proposed plan change to the Waipā District Plan**

Proposed Plan Change 25 – Shelterbelts and Artificial Crop Structures

**Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission?** I could not

**Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter that - (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition?** I am

**Do you wish to be heard (attend and speak at the Council hearing) in support of your submission?** I do not

**If others make a similar submission, will you consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing?** No

**Do you support the proposed change(s)?** I support in part

**The specific provisions of the plan change my submission relates to are (give details):**

Rule - Shelterbelts - 4.4.2.57A (e)

Shelterbelts shall be maintained by the owners at all times so that:

i. ....

ii. ....

iii. All maintenance activities (such as trimming to maintain the height and width) occurs within the boundaries of the site within which the shelterbelt is located.

**My submission is**

Unless I have misunderstood it, as currently drafted, this provision seems unworkable (or at the very least impractical) for existing shelterbelts that currently require maintenance from, for example, a roadside verge. It makes them non-complying. There is no grandparenting in this subsection, unlike the rest of the Rule, which only applies for new shelterbelts planted after the operative date. It seems incongruous to apply this section to current shelterbelts which have been maintained for years, for

example, from the road verge, as are many roadside hedges that fall short of being a "shelterbelt" as defined. It should be consistent with the rest of the provision and allow grandparenting - maintenance for existing shelterbelts from outside the boundaries of the site on which the shelterbelt is located.

**I seek the following decision/s from Council**

Amend: Rule - Shelterbelts - 4.4.2.57A (e)(iii) to apply (as with the rest of the Rule) to a shelterbelt planted after [date ], i.e.

All maintenance activities (such as trimming to maintain the height and width) occurs within the boundaries of the site within which the shelterbelt is located for a shelterbelt planted after [date].

**Attachments**