

Waipā District Council
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Attention: Hearings Panel

Dear Hearings Panel

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Written statement on Proposed Plan Change 25 to the Waipā District Plan

On behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (**Fire and Emergency**), I request that this written statement is tabled at the hearing of Proposed Plan Change 25 (**PC25**) commencing on 20 August 2026.

Fire and Emergency has reviewed the recommendations contained in the Section 42A Report. The topic relevant to Fire and Emergency's submission, where relief was sought and which is addressed in the Section 42A Report, is **Topic 6 – Shelterbelts**.

This statement confirms Fire and Emergency's position on the recommendations contained in the Section 42A Report in relation to the relief sought in Fire and Emergency's submission, as set out in Appendix 3, dated 3 August 2026.

Topic 6 – Shelterbelts (Rule 4.4.2.57A)

Fire and Emergency sought an amendment to Rule 4.4.2.57A by adding the following additional matter over which discretion is restricted:

The fire risk associated with surrounding structures, assets and infrastructure.

The Reporting Officer supports this relief but considers that fire risk should not be limited to surrounding structures, assets and infrastructure, as other elements within the rural environment may also be susceptible to fire risk (for example, rural activities, pasture, crops, and other shelterbelts). The Reporting Officer therefore recommends that the submission point be accepted in part and that a new matter of restricted discretion be added to Rule 4.4.2.57A as follows:

Fire Risk.

Fire and Emergency also sought the addition of a new assessment criterion to 21.1.4.13 Shelterbelts (Rule 4.4.2.57A) as follows:

e. The fire risk management measures to manage any identified effects on surrounding structures, assets and infrastructure.

The Reporting Officer considers this amendment appropriate but recommends broadening the assessment criterion beyond structures, assets and infrastructure by amending it to read:

The fire risk management measures to manage any identified effects on surrounding activities, structures, assets and infrastructure.

Fire and Emergency supports the Reporting Officer's recommended amendment to Rule 4.4.2.57A and the associated assessment criteria.

Thank you for considering Fire and Emergency's position.

Should you have any further queries, please contact Alec Duncan, consultant planner, on 07 960 7259 or alec.duncan@beca.com.

Yours sincerely



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