

Matamata-Piako District Council
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16 February 2024

Dear Hearing Commissioners,

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Letter to be tabled for Proposed Private Plan Change 58 – Avenue Business Park

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on the Proposed Private Plan Change 58 – Avenue Business Park (PC58) (submission number 3). Fire and Emergency has opted not to attend the hearing scheduled to commence on 26 February 2024 and requests that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.

Fire and Emergency's Submission

Fire and Emergency were supportive to the proposed private plan change subject to the matters raised in the submission being addressed. The relief that was sought by the submission was:

1. *That Council do not enable development within the plan change area unless it is matched with the delivery of key water infrastructure or development is not enabled where there is potential or known infrastructure capacity constraints in relation to the water supply network (unless the development itself includes necessary upgrades).*
2. *That a specific rule is included within the District Plan via PPC58 requiring that all buildings must be designed in accordance with the New Zealand Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008, (the Code)*

And an advice note followed this rule:

Advice Note: The New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008 sets out a number of options to provide water for Fire and Emergency New Zealand's operational requirements and shall be used as a guide when designing firefighting water protection. It should be noted that additional onsite private storage for firefighting may also be required.

Further Information following Submissions

The Applicant has considered the submissions received and provided a Plan Change Request Addendum (Addendum) which included Proposed New Section 18 and Other Proposed Changes to the Matamata-Piako District Plan, including Part B – Appendix 9: Schedule of Works.

While 4.1 Summary of Proposed changes within the Addendum states 'the water requirements for the ADAP [Avenue Business Park Development Area Plan] in Appendix 9.6.4 have been amended to include water supply for firefighting' the provision drafted does not include reference to the Code.

Officers Report

The Section 42A report for PC58 has been received. The reporting officer has accepted the submission made by Fire and Emergency which relates to the provision of firefighting water supply.

The reporting officer acknowledges the wording provided by the Applicant within the Addendum recommends that there needs to be '*strengthening of reference to firefighting standard in Rule 9.6.4 of DAP*' (Development Area Plan) and that '*adoption of the wording from FENZ submission is generally supported to require all buildings to be designed in accordance with NZ Fire Fighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008.*'

We note that supply of firefighting water supply in accordance with the Code is also outlined by Matamata-Piako District Council per the Infrastructure Assessment and technical evidence prepared to inform the assessment of the plan change request (Appendix 4: Three Waters Infrastructure, section 3.6.3 (p8) and '6.1 Water' under section 7 (p14)).

Fire and Emergency Response

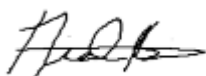
Fire and Emergency appreciate the reporting officer's recognition of the importance of specific reference to the Code for inclusion within Rule 9.6.4 to ensure sufficient firefighting water supply.

Fire and Emergency appreciate the Applicant's willingness to provide for firefighting water supply and attempt to amend the provision.

It is important that the provisions within the plan include specific reference to *New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice – SNZ PAS 4509:2008* as previously outlined within submission number 3.

Should the Commissioners wish to approve the Proposed Private Plan Change, Fire and Emergency request that Rule 9.6.4 is amended to include reference to the Code.

Yours sincerely



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