

13 September 2024

Waimakariri District Council  
215 High Street  
Rangiora  
7400

**Attention: Commissioners**

Dear Commissioners

**Fire and Emergency New Zealand letter to be tabled in lieu of attendance at hearing — Variation 1 – Medium Density Residential Zone**

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on the Variation 1 of the Waimakariri District Plan. Fire and Emergency have opted not to attend hearings scheduled to commence on 16 September 2024 and requests that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners consideration.

Fire and Emergency sought several changes to Variation 1 of the Waimakariri District Plan on the Medium Density Residential Zone. The section 42A report for the plan's Medium Density Residential Zone has been reviewed. The relief sought by Fire and Emergency and the officer's recommendations is outlined below.

MRZ-R17 Multi-unit Residential Development

Fire and Emergency opposed the preclusion of multi-unit residential developments from being limited notified. Multi-unit developments of a greater scale and density can have limited access provisions which raise emergency servicing issues which Fire and Emergency would want to respond to.

The reporting officer rejected the submission made by Fire and Emergency New Zealand as they considered the MDRS sets specific notification requirements which preclude limited notification on certain types of multi-unit development.

Fire and Emergency wish to reiterate their original submission point and highlight the importance of Fire and Emergency being able to respond to such developments where there are concerns over access and fire fighting water supply requirements that have the potential to pose a risk to public health and safety.

Yours sincerely



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