

SECTION 42A REPORT

Right of Reply

Hearing 1: Chapter 1 Introduction

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I. INTRODUCTION

I.1. Background

1. My full name is Deborah Jane Donaldson. I am a Senior Planner with Perception Planning Limited, a resource management planning consultancy based in Martinborough in the Wairarapa.
2. I was contracted by the Waikato District Council (Council) in 2019 to provide recommendations in the form of a Section 42A report.
3. I wrote the original s42A report for Hearing 1: Chapter 1 Introduction, and Rebuttal Evidence (dated 1st October 2019).

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

4. The purpose of this report is to provide a right of reply to evidence presented by submitters at the hearing, and to respond to questions and comments raised by the Hearing Panel during the course of Hearing 1.
5. Evidence in relation to Chapter 1 – Introduction was presented by the following submitters on 23 September 2019:
 - a. Kainga Ora [formerly Housing New Zealand Corporation] [749, FS1269];
 - b. Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited [794, FS1330];
 - c. Ports of Auckland Limited [FS1087]; and
 - d. New Zealand Steel Holdings Limited [827].
6. Over the course of Hearing 1, the Hearing Panel expressed a desire to see Chapter 1 Introduction condensed, and for the chapter to ‘tell a story’ at the beginning of the Plan.
7. I consider that the purpose of the introduction of the Plan is to ‘set the scene’, and provide background information to Plan users. The Introduction should help users to understand what the district plan is and the role that it plays, provide background information on the district, and provide information on how the Plan works.
8. In consideration of evidence submitted, I have relooked at Chapter 1 and have re-drafted the Chapter to:

- Better reflect the direction of the National Planning Standards
 - Remove unnecessary and repeated information
 - Make the chapter more succinct and fit for purpose.
9. My recommended amendments to Chapter I – Introduction are attached as **Appendix A**. This version contains a combination of recommended mark-ups from the s42A report, rebuttal evidence, and right of reply. Do to the numerous amendments and different sources of those changes, I can appreciate if it is difficult to read easily. For this reason, to assist the Hearing Panel and submitters, I have provided a non-marked up version of Chapter I – Introduction as **Appendix B**. **Appendix B** is how Chapter I – Introduction would read should the recommendations from the s42A report, rebuttal evidence, and right of reply be accepted by the Hearing Panel.

3. S32AA ANALYSIS

10. As outlined within the s42A report, and rebuttal evidence, Section 32AA of the RMA requires a further evaluation of changes made to the Plan since the Proposed Plan was notified. This relates to changes to objectives and provisions of the Plan (which are the policies, rules or other methods that implement or give effect to the objectives of the Plan). The sections of the Plan that this report relate to do not include objectives or provisions and therefore I do not consider it is necessary to undertake any s32AA further evaluation of the amendments I have recommended above.



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