

Proposed Waikato District Plan Hearing  
Waikato District Council  
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Via email: [districtplan@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:districtplan@waidc.govt.nz)

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed Waikato District Plan Hearing Stream 5 – Chapter 13 Definitions**  
**Submitter Reference: Firstgas Ltd S945 and FS1211**

Firstgas Ltd writes in relation to Hearing 5 – Chapter 13 Definitions, commencing on Tuesday 10 December 2010.

Given the limited number of submission points of relevance to Firstgas Ltd within the Hearing 5 s42A report (many key defined terms of significance to Firstgas Ltd are allocated to subsequent hearings, primarily Infrastructure Hearings), Firstgas Ltd is not proposing to present evidence to Hearing 5 on the points outlined below.

If, prior to the hearing, the Hearings Panel consider it useful for Firstgas Ltd to appear before the panel to explain and answer any questions on the below, it would be more than happy to do so.

Firstgas Ltd will be appearing at subsequent hearings.

**Response to Section 42A Recommendations: Hearing 5, Chapter 13 Definitions**

**Definition of Operational Need / Functional Need**

Firstgas lodged a further submission (FS1211.35) in support of Transpower NZ Limited's submission (576.34) to retain the definition of 'Functional need' as, alongside the related term 'Operational need', the definition supports the term's usage in proposed Policy 6.1.2(a)(i) and Policy 6.2.1.

The recommendation in the s42A report is that the definition of 'Operational need' in the Planning Standards be adopted to replace the definition provided in Chapter 13 of the notified Plan. Firstgas Ltd is supportive of the Planning Standards definition of 'Operational need' and 'Functional need' and is therefore supportive of their adoption into the Proposed Plan.

Firstgas is supportive of the s42A recommendation.

**Definition of Utility Allotment**

Firstgas lodged a further submission (FS1211.40) supporting Counties Power Ltd's submission (405.16) to retain the definition of 'Utility Allotment' as notified.

The Section 42A report recommends the definition be retained.

Firstgas is supportive of the s42A recommendation.

### **Hearing Appearance**

Firstgas Ltd requests that this letter be tabled at the hearing in support of its further submission points and the Section 42A Report recommendations as outlined above.

Yours sincerely



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