

Whangarei District Council
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Attention: Whangarei District Council's Consents Department

Dear Hearing Commissioner,

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – letter on SL2300006 & APP.044965.01.01 Hearing for Vaco Investments (Waipu Project) Ltd.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on Vaco Investments (Waipu Project) Ltd publicly notified resource consent application for a mixed-use commercial centre in the Rural Production Zone at 47 Millbrook Road, Waipu.

The submission related to the uncertainties in provision of firefighting water supply. Fire and Emergency appreciate the communications that have occurred between the Councils and applicant since this submission. The Memorandum by CKL dated 22 March 2024 identifies possible reticulated and non-reticulated options and that the applicant is happy to accept a condition as Fire and Emergency suggested relating to confirming an appropriate solution at Building Consent stage.

The updated s42a report (18 September 2024) refers to this memorandum and provides advice from the Council's Development Engineer to the applicant should they seek to connect to reticulated water. They correctly consider that this addresses the firefighting water supply concerns raised by Fire and Emergency. Neither the draft consent conditions provided as part of the s42a report (as these are for the regional matters) or those provided in the applicant's evidence include the consent condition requested by Fire and Emergency.

As such, if the Commissioners are minded to grant consent to the applicant, Fire and Emergency maintain their request for a condition of consent to the following effect:

At the time building consent applications are submitted it must be demonstrated that a suitable firefighting water supply will be provided in accordance with the New Zealand Fire Service Fire Fighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008 and that this water supply is accessible for firefighting purposes.

Fire and Emergency do not wish to be heard in support of their submission.

Should you have any queries or seek clarification on the above, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely,



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