

TECHNICAL FEEDBACK ON DRAFT FINAL PROPOSED TIMARU DISTRICT PLAN DECISION ON BEHALF OF RADIO NEW ZEALAND

Introduction

- 1 Radio New Zealand (RNZ) appreciates the opportunity to provide technical feedback on the draft final Proposed Timaru District Plan Decision.
- 2 RNZ wishes to draw the Panel's attention to an error in GRUZ-S1 of the draft plan. The amended wording of GRUZ-S1 does not reflect the Panel's decision to support alternative wording as agreed between RNZ and the s42A planning officer.

Issue

- 3 RNZ sought a new matter of discretion be added to GRUZ-S1 to address safety risks from electromagnetic radiation interference (EMR) that can arise if tall structures are constructed near RNZ's Facilities. The initial wording for a new matter of discretion proposed by Mr Maclennan did not address RNZ's concerns, which is a risk to surrounding tall structures.
- 4 Mr Maclennan and RNZ agreed alternative wording, which was presented to the Panel in RNZ's written legal submissions for Hearing B –Rural Zones¹ and Mr Maclennan's s42A summary statement.² The Panel's decision *records support for the agreed alternative wording*, finding the agreed amendments to be appropriate.³
- 5 However, the proposed wording of GRUZ-S1 in the draft decision Appendix 3 -47 GRUZ has the initial (unsuitable) wording proposed by Mr Maclennan, not the amendments supported by the Panel. The initial wording does not address the safety risk that is RNZ's primary concern.

Minor correction

- 6 Reinstating the agreed wording of GRUZ-S1 is a minor correction that is necessary to give effect to the meaning and reasoning of the draft final decision of the Panel on the Rural Zone provisions.
- 7 The amended wording supported as recorded in Mr Maclennan's s42A summary statement is recorded here for ease of reference.

Matters of discretion are restricted to:

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7. *effects ~~to~~ from radiocommunication activities conducted at the radiocommunication facilities at Fairview, where the building or structure exceeds 49m in height within 1km of Radio New Zealand's Fairview facility at 123 Brockley Road.*

Note: *Where matter of discretion (7) is relevant, consultation with Radio New Zealand will be required to understand effects from radiocommunication activities.*

- 8 Although not strictly relevant to the Panel's consideration on a technical review, for completeness RNZ notes that:

¹ Legal submissions on behalf of Radio New Zealand Limited, Hearing B – B1 Rural Zones and B2 Urban Zones, 11 July 2024.

² Andrew Cameron Maclennan - s42A summary statement – Hearing B Rural Zones, 17 July 2024, at [11-12].

³ Decision Report – Part 3 Rural Zones, Urban Zones, Māori Purpose Zone, Open Space Zones DRAFT FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW, 3 February 2026, at [164].

- 8.1 no other party submitted on, or raised concerns about this matter; and
 - 8.2 for the reasons set out in RNZ's submission on the proposed plan and legal submissions for Hearing B, RNZ considers the amended provisions are important for providing for public safety.
- 9 We are happy to provide further assistance.

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