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Proposed District Plan Hearing Panel
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Dear Commissioners,

Timaru Proposed District Plan – Hearing A

Incite have been engaged by Chorus New Zealand Limited (Chorus), Connexa Limited (Connexa), Spark New Zealand Trading Limited (Spark) and One New Zealand Limited (One NZ, formerly Vodafone New Zealand Limited), as well as FortySouth Limited, which now owns One NZ's passive assets. For simplicity, I have, collectively referred to the aforementioned entities as the telecommunication companies, in regards to the submissions on Timaru's Proposed District Plan.

Strategic Directions and Urban Form and Development

The Section 42A Report on Strategic Directions and Urban Form and Development addresses the telecommunication companies submissions on:

- SD-O1 (submission points 176.31 (Connexa), 208.31 (Spark), 209.31 (Chorus) and 210.31(One NZ/FortySouth));
- SD-O8 (submission points 176.32, 208.32, 209.32 and 210.32);
- UFD-O1 (submission points 176.33, 208.33, 209.33 and 210.33);

The submission points on SD-O8 are recommended to be accepted in part in the Section 42A Report. The submission points on SD-O1 and UFD-O1 are recommended to be rejected in the Section 42A Report. However, the reasoning given is sound, and there remains a pathway for the telecommunication companies to establish their infrastructure.

As such, the telecommunication companies accept the recommendations on their submission points in the Section 42A Report on Strategic Directions and Urban Form and Development.

Overarching matters: Part 1 – Introduction and General Definitions

The Section 42A Report on Overarching matters: Part 1 – Introduction and General Definitions addresses the telecommunication companies submissions on:

- Description of the District (submission points 176.1, 208.1, 209.1 and 210.1);
- Statutory Context, Relation with Other Planning Documents (submission points 176.2, 208.2, 209.2 and 210.2);
- Definition of Functional Need (submission points 176.6, 208.6, 209.6 and 210.6);
- Definition of Infrastructure (submission points 176.8, 208.8, 209.8 and 210.8);
- Definition of Land Disturbance (submission points 176.9, 208.9, 209.9 and 210.9);

- Definition of Maintenance (submission points 176.11, 208.11, 209.11 and 210.11);
- Definition of Operational Need (submission points 176.14, 208.14, 209.14 and 210.14);
- Definition of Repair (submission points 176.17, 208.17, 209.17 and 210.17);
- Definition of Replacement (submission points 176.18, 208.18, 209.18 and 210.18);
- Definition of Reverse Sensitivity (submission points 176.19, 208.19, 209.19 and 210.19);
- Definition of Structure (submission points 176.22, 208.22, 209.22 and 210.22);
- Abbreviation of NESTF (submission points 176.28, 208.28, 209.28 and 210.28);
- National Environmental Standards (submission points 176.29, 208.29, 209.29 and 210.29); and
- Regulations – reference to the Resource Management (Network Utility Operations) Regulations 2016 (submission points 176.30, 208.30, 209.30 and 210.30).

Overall, the officer recommendations on the above are either to accept the relief sought by the telecommunication companies (noting for a significant portion of the above points it was to retain the provision in the PDP as notified), or the alternative recommended in the Section 42A Report is acceptable.

Conclusion

I have no further comment to make on Hearing Stream A, however I am and representatives of the companies are available to answer any queries or questions either in writing or via a videoconference that the Hearing Panel may have, should the Hearing Panel not agree with the recommendation made by the Council Officer.

Yours sincerely

Incite

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Anderson".

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