
Submission on Napier City Proposed District Plan

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Napier City Council - Planning Unit

Date received: 06/12/2023

Submission Reference Number #:134

This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Napier City Proposed District Plan

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Attachments:

Helicopter Hawkes Bay Submission.pdf

NZAAA Submission summary.pdf

I wish to be heard: Yes

I am willing to present a joint case: No

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- **No**

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(a) adversely affects the environment; and

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Submission points

Point 134.1

Section: Definitions

Sub-section: Definitions

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

Insert new definition:

Agricultural aviation activity means the intermittent operation of an aircraft from a rural airstrip or helicopter landing area for primary production, frost mitigation, biosecurity, or biodiversity purposes including stock management, and the application of fertiliser, agrichemicals, or vertebrate toxic agents (VTA's). For clarity, aircraft includes fixed-wing aeroplanes, helicopters, and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's)

Relief sought

Napier City is surrounded by rural areas that provide supporting a regional economy that is linked to viticulture, horticulture, and primary production.

Agricultural aviation is a critical tool supporting farmers and growers to protect and maintain primary production therefore NZAAA seeks to have agricultural aviation recognised and provided for in the plan.

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Provision: General

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Relief sought

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Point 134.3

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Provision:

| means:

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- a. any aquaculture, agricultural, pastoral, horticultural, mining, quarrying or forestry activities; and
- b. includes initial processing, as an ancillary activity, of commodities that result from the listed activities in a);
- c. includes any land and buildings used for the production of the commodities from a) and used for the initial processing of the commodities in b); but
- d. excludes further processing of those commodities into a different product.

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

Retain the definition

Relief sought

Inclusion of the NPS definition is appropriate

Point 134.4

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Provision: General

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Sub-section: Strategic Objectives

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

Insert new Strategic Objective:

Character of the rural environment.

The character of the rural environment is maintained and enhanced.

Relief sought

The plan should recognise that to sustain Primary production for the economic and social wellbeing of the region the rural character must be maintained.

Point 134.6

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Sub-section: Strategic Objectives

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

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Relief sought

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Point 134.7

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Sub-section: Strategic Objectives

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

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Relief sought

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Point 134.8

Section: HAZS - Hazardous substances

Sub-section: HAZS - Hazardous Substances - Rules Table

Provision:

HAZS-R2: The storage, handling or use of hazardous substances in all other zones (excepting significant hazard facilities)

Activity Status: Permitted

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Sentiment: Support

Submission:

Hazardous substances (excepting significant hazard facilities) are adequately controlled by the HASNO Act.

Relief sought

Retain the rule

Point 134.9

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Sub-section: Objectives

Provision:

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Subdivision of rural land:

- a. protects highly productive land;
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Relates to SUB-I1, SUB-I2, SUB-I7

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Submission:

Protection of highly productive land from subdivision and reverse sensitivities is important to maintain primary production and primary production ancillary activities such as agricultural aviation.

Relief sought

Retain the objective

Point 134.10

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Sub-section: Policies

Provision:

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Ensure subdivision avoids, if possible, or otherwise mitigates any actual loss or potential cumulative loss of the availability or productive of highly productive land by:

- a. providing for the amalgamation of smaller holdings on highly productive land.
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 - iv. the environmental, social, cultural, and economic benefits outweigh the long-term environmental, social, cultural, and economic costs associated with the loss of highly productive land, taking into account both tangible and intangible values.

Relates to SUB-O6

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

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Relief sought

Amend the policy by adding:

e. enabling primary production and ancillary activities.

Point 134.11

Section: NOISE - Noise

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

It is important to recognise in the plan the benefits of appropriate noise generating activities whilst balancing the health and wellbeing of people and communities.

Relief sought

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The benefits of activities that generate noise are recognised, where the adverse effects from noise are compatible with the anticipated purpose, character, and amenity values of the relevant zone(s) and do not compromise public health, safety, and wellbeing of people and communities.

Point 134.12

Section: NOISE - Noise

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision:

NOISE-O3: Reverse sensitivity

Existing and authorised activities that generate high levels of noise are protected from reverse sensitivity effects.

Relates to NOISE-I3 and NOISE-I4

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

It is important to protect existing and authorised activities from reverse sensitivity effects.

Relief sought

Retain the objective

Point 134.13

Section: NOISE - Noise

Sub-section: Policies

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

NZAAA seeks inclusion of a policy that enables noisy equipment and recognises agricultural aviation as an ancillary activity supporting primary production

Relief sought

Insert new policy:

The use of noisy equipment that has a limited duration and frequency (in particular, audible bird scaring devices, agricultural aviation and frost protection devices, and harvesters) that supports primary production in the rural environment is enabled by exempting these activities from noise limits, subject to reasonable use.

Point 134.14

Section: NOISE - Noise

Sub-section: NOISE - Noise - Rules Table

Provision:

NOISE-R1: Noise generation (general)

NOISE-R1A

NOISE-R1B

Activity Status: Permitted

Activity Status: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

Matters of discretion are:

1. For all activities other than those specifically addressed in NOISE-R2 - NOISE-R8 (inclusive), NOISE-S1 and NOISE-S2 apply.
 2. The noise and vibration standards in any part of the District Plan do not apply to the following, unless the District Plan specifically states otherwise. The activities listed below are therefore considered permitted activities in terms of the noise standards:
 - a. the noise from the use of vehicles, mobile machinery, or other mobile or portable equipment where they are used on a seasonal or intermittent basis for agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or forestry activities that are permitted by the Plan;
 - b. the noise from animals on farms unless they are confined within a building or enclosure on a permanent or semi-permanent basis. This does not apply to dog breeding, kennels, or dog-stay facilities;
 - c. the noise from normal residential activity that is part of a residential land use, such as children's play, informal social activities, lawnmowing, and home maintenance work undertaken by the occupier, provided the activity is undertaken during reasonable hours and is of reasonable duration;
 - d. the noise of individual vehicles on public roads;
 - e. the noise of trains travelling on designated railway land, and
 - f. the noise of sirens used for emergency purposes.
1. Public health;
 2. Amenity values, and
 3. Functional and operational requirements.

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

NZAAA seeks to have agricultural aviation provided for as a permitted activity in the plan.

Relief sought

Amend the rule by adding:

1. the [noise](#) from the use of vehicles, mobile machinery, **agricultural aviation activity** or other mobile or portable equipment where they are used on a seasonal or intermittent basis for agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or forestry activities that are permitted by the Plan;

Point 134.15

Section: NOISE - Noise

Sub-section: NOISE - Noise - Rules Table

Provision:

NOISE-R3: Noise generated from helicopter landing areas

NOISE-R3A

NOISE-R3B

Activity Status: Permitted

Activity Status where activity conditions are not met:

Where:

1. Use of the helicopter landing area must not exceed any of the following:
 - a. two return flights per day;
 - b. five return flights per week, and
 - c. 12 return flights per month.
2. The helicopter landing area must be located (as illustrated below):
 - a. a minimum distance of 275 m from the notional boundary of any noise-sensitive activity not located on the same site, and
 - b. within 275 m of the helicopter landing area, flight paths must be a minimum of 250 m from the notional boundary of any noise-sensitive activity not located on the same site.

1. Restricted Discretionary where:
 - a. Noise generated from helicopter landing areas received in Residential zones or the nominal boundary of a residential unit in the Rural zones shall not exceed 40 dB Ldn, and
 - b. Noise received from helicopter landing areas received in all other zones shall not exceed 50 dB Ldn.
2. Non-complying (where clause 1 above is not met).

Matters of discretion are:

1. Public health, and
2. Amenity values.

Figure 1 - Helicopter Landing Areas

Note:

1. Helicopter landing areas are also subject to the activity tables of the relevant zone, precinct and/or development area. Compliance with this rule does not protect any helicopter landing area from the lawful encroachment of noise-sensitive activities.
2. Rules must be in accordance with NZS 6807:1994 *Noise Management and Land Use Planning for Helicopter Landing Areas* -

excluding 4.3 Averaging.

Sentiment: Oppose

Submission:

NZAAA seeks clarity that helicopters undertaking agricultural aviation activities are provided for in **NOISE- R1 2) a)**.

Relief sought

Amend the rule by adding to the notes:

3. Helicopters undertaking agricultural aviation activities are provided for in NOISE- R1 2) a)

Point 134.16

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision:

RPROZ-O1: Activities on highly productive land

Highly productive land is protected for use in land-based primary production, both now and for future generations.

Relates to RPROZ-I1, RPROZ-I2, and RPROZ-I3

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

Objectives in the plan that protect primary production are important.

Relief sought

Retain the objective.

Point 134.17

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision:

RPROZ-O2: Activities on non-highly productive land

Versatile soil is retained for agriculture, horticulture, and farming and used primarily for food production and ancillary activities that rely on primary production.

Relates to RPROZ-I1, RPROZ-I2, RPROZ-I3, and RPROZ-I7.

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

Objectives in the plan that protect primary production and ancillary activities are important.

Relief sought

Retain the objective

Point 134.18

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision:

RPROZ-O4: Reverse sensitivity

Non-rural activities must support primary production and avoid or otherwise mitigate reverse sensitivity effects that may compromise rural activities.

Relates to RPROZ-I5, RPROZ-I6, RPROZ-I7, and RPROZ-I8

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

It is important to protect primary production activities from reverse sensitivity effects.

Relief sought

Retain the objective

Point 134.19

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

Objectives in the plan should recognise activities that support primary production or have a functional need to be located in the RPROZ.

Relief sought

Insert new objective:

Non-primary production activities that support primary production or rely on a rural location or have a functional or operational need to locate in the Rural Production Zone are provided for.

Point 134.20

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Policies

Provision:

RPROZ-P6: Reverse sensitivity

Manage the establishment, design, and location of new sensitive activities and other non-productive activities in the Rural Production Zone to avoid where possible, or otherwise mitigate any actual or potential reverse sensitivity effects on primary production activities and land-based primary production activities.

Relates to RPROZ-O5 and RPROZ-O6

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

The policy provides protection for primary production and ancillary activities and provides for protection from reverse sensitivity effects.

Relief sought

Retain the objective.

Point 134.21

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Policies

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

Policies in the plan should enable activities that support primary production or have a functional need to be located in the RPROZ.

Relief sought

Insert new policy:

Compatible activities.

a. Enable primary production activities that are compatible with the purpose, character, and amenity values of the Rural Production Zone.

b. Provide for other activities that have a functional need or operational need to be located in the Rural Production Zone that are not incompatible with primary production.

Point 134.22

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone - Rules Table

Provision:

RPROZ-R1A

RPROZ-R1B

Activity Status: Permitted

Activity Status where conditions and standards are not met: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

1. The activity and any building or structure comply with all the Rural Production Zone Standards.

Matters of discretion are:

1. Rural characteristics and economic values;
2. Risk to public health and safety and the environment;
3. Fire and pest control;
4. Nature, scale, and intensity of land use;
5. Ecological, aquatic, and natural values;
6. The cumulative effect of non-compliance with more than one standard;
7. The effects on the open rural character of the zone;
8. The effects on the safety of people and property;
9. Cultural, ecological and aquatic values;
10. The effects on the maintenance, use, and development of a watercourse or open drain, and
11. Cumulative effects.

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

It needs to be clear that ancillary activities to primary production are included in RPROZ-R1 otherwise RPROZ-R19 Noncomplying would apply as there is no other specific rule providing for ancillary activities to primary production.

Relief sought

Amend title to:

Primary Production **and ancillary** activities outside highly productive land

Point 134.23

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone - Rules Table

Provision:

RPROZ-R2A

RPROZ-R2B

Activity Status: Permitted

Activity Status where conditions and

Where:

1. The activity and any building or structure complies with all the Rural Production Zone Standards, and
2. The activity is a land-based primary production activity.

standards of RPROZ-R2A are not met: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

1. The activity is a supporting activity, and
2. The application complies with RPROZ-R2-REQ1.

RPROZ-R2-REQ1

1. Any application under rule RPROZ-R2A must include a productive capacity assessment report prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced soil scientist which shall address the following matters:
 - a. a plan identifying the productive capacity of the site, and
 - b. evaluation and evidence to confirm that the subdivision will not result in the cumulative loss of the availability and productive capacity of highly productive land within the district.

Matters of discretion are:

1. Scale and intensity of land use;
2. Rural characteristics and economic significance;
3. Ecological, aquatic, cultural and natural values;
4. Risk to public health and safety, and the environment;
5. Fire and pest control;
6. Cumulative effects;
7. Setback distances from the property boundary, Ahuriri Estuary, any watercourse or open drain;
8. The effects on the shading, outlook and amenity of the neighbouring properties;
9. The effects on the open rural character of the zone; and
10. The effects on the maintenance, use and development of a watercourse or open drain.

Activity Status where conditions and

standards of RPROZ-R2B are not met: Non-complying.

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

It needs to be clear that ancillary activities to primary production are included in RPROZ-R2 otherwise RPROZ-R19 Noncomplying would apply as there is no other specific rule providing for ancillary activities to primary production.

Relief sought

Amend title to:

Primary Production **and ancillary** activities within highly productive land

Napier City Proposed District Plan

To: Napier City Proposed District Plan
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Submission from: Helicopters Hawkes Bay

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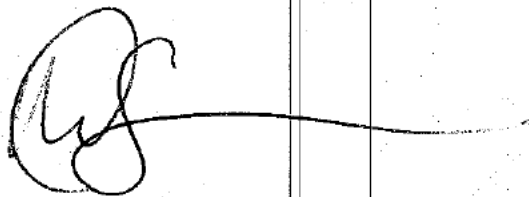
Helicopters Haswkes Bay
would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

Helicopters Hawkes Bay
wishes to speak to this submission.

If others, make a similar submission we would not consider presenting a joint case.

Helicopters Hawkes Bay
fully supports the NZAAA submissions as per the attached PDF copy of the NZAAA submission.

Signature: (insert)



Date: 14/12/2023

Background

1. ABOUT Helicopters Hawkes Bay

1.1 **Helicopters Hawkes Bay** are a privately owned companies based at Bridge Pa Hastings and Balfour rd Onga Onga. The company's main activities are in Agricultural Aviation. The CEO has 25 plus years of experience in farming and primary production for the NZ economy contributing to but not limited to.

- Primary production
- Forestry production
- Crop protection and disease control
- Weed and pest control.
- Biosecurity threats
- Biodiversity and conservation values

1.2 As an industry Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Approved certified organisations in our industry add an estimated \$2.7BN annually to primary production for the NZ economy alone.
(Numbers from Beef & Lamb NZ)

1.3 Agricultural aircraft activities are deemed to be an essential service that is crucial in maintaining and enhancing primary sector production, ensuring animal welfare, responding to biosecurity threats, and protecting biodiversity values.

2. CEO QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Jimmy Guerin

My Name is **Jimmy Guerin** am the CEO of **Helicopters Hawkes Bay**

I have been in Ag Aviation for more than 25 years, both as a pilot and running compliance for Helicopters Hawkes Bay.

AGRICULTURAL AVIATION ACTIVITIES - THE USE OF RURAL AIRSTRIPS AND HELICOPTER LANDING AREAS

Helicopters Hawkes Bay supports agricultural aviation activities as a permitted activity – Rationale:

- 3.1 Agricultural aviation adds significant value to farming and primary production for the NZ economy.
- 3.2 Animal welfare is dependent on timely applications of fertiliser at critical seasonal feed deficit crunch points.
- 3.3 Aircraft are used for application of fertilisers and agrichemicals in areas where the safety risks are too high for ground application.
- 3.4 Rapid responses to biosecurity threats are critical.
- 3.5 Pest and disease outbreaks cannot always be forecast.
- 3.6 Agricultural aviation is critical in maintaining and enhancing NZ's biodiversity values.
- 3.7 Helicopters are a critical tool in protecting horticultural crops from frost damage.
- 3.8 Suitable weather conditions for the application of agrichemicals, fertilisers, and vertebrate toxic agents (VTA's) are variable and often unpredictable. Safe and effective applications require operational flexibility to optimise suitable conditions.
- 3.9 Agricultural aircraft operate in a highly regulated environment and additional regulation will have a detrimental effect on primary production, ability to respond to biosecurity threats, and enhancing NZ's biodiversity values.
- 3.10 Agricultural aviation activities are part of the rural character of the rural environment and an ancillary activity to primary production activities.
- 3.11 Agricultural aircraft activity is intermittent or infrequent – multiple flights are usually undertaken over a relatively short period with no subsequent activity over long periods, therefore, the overall effects are limited and minor.
- 3.12 NOTE: submissions relate to rural airstrips and helicopter landing areas used on an intermittent basis. Aircraft depots/bases that are used on a regular basis are not part of the permitted activity that is sought.

4. SPECIFIC FEEDBACK TO THE PDP

- 4.1 The district description identifies the importance of primary production in that "**Napier** has a low-scale built environment, **surrounded by rural areas that provide for** rural lifestyles and form an important backdrop to the city, **as well as supporting a regional economy that is linked to viticulture**, manufacturing, **and primary production**".

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To: Napier City Council - Planning Unit

Date received: 07/12/2023

Submission Reference Number #:73

This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Napier City Proposed District Plan

Submitter:

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Attachments:

NZAAA Submissions Napier PDP_PDF.pdf

I wish to be heard: Yes

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Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

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Submission points

Point 73.1

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Sub-section: Definitions

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

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Napier City is surrounded by rural areas that provide supporting a regional economy that is linked to viticulture, horticulture, and primary production.

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Sub-section: Definitions

Provision: General

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Sub-section: Definitions

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Sentiment: Support

Submission:

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Relief sought

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Provision: General

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Provision: General

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Point 73.8

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Provision:

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Activity Status: Permitted

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Sentiment: Support

Submission:

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Relief sought

Retain the rule

Point 73.9

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Relates to SUB-11, SUB-12, SUB-17

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Relates to SUB-O6

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Sub-section: Objectives

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Relates to NOISE-I3 and NOISE-I4

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

It is important to protect existing and authorised activities from reverse sensitivity effects.

Relief sought

Retain the objective

Point 73.13

Section: NOISE - Noise

Sub-section: Policies

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

NZAAA seeks inclusion of a policy that enables noisy equipment and recognises agricultural aviation as an ancillary activity supporting primary production

Relief sought

Insert new policy:

The use of noisy equipment that has a limited duration and frequency (in particular, audible bird scaring devices, agricultural aviation and frost protection devices, and harvesters) that supports primary production in the rural environment is enabled by exempting these activities from noise limits, subject to reasonable use.

Point 73.14

Section: NOISE - Noise

Sub-section: NOISE - Noise - Rules Table

Provision:

NOISE-R1: Noise generation (general)

NOISE-R1A

NOISE-R1B

Activity Status: Permitted

Activity Status: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

Matters of discretion are:

1. For all activities other than those specifically addressed in NOISE-R2 - NOISE-R8 (inclusive), NOISE-S1 and NOISE-S2 apply.
 2. The noise and vibration standards in any part of the District Plan do not apply to the following, unless the District Plan specifically states otherwise. The activities listed below are therefore considered permitted activities in terms of the noise standards:
 - a. the noise from the use of vehicles, mobile machinery, or other mobile or portable equipment where they are used on a seasonal or intermittent basis for agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or forestry activities that are permitted by the Plan;
 - b. the noise from animals on farms unless they are confined within a building or enclosure on a permanent or semi-permanent basis. This does not apply to dog breeding, kennels, or dog-stay facilities;
 - c. the noise from normal residential activity that is part of a residential land use, such as children's play, informal social activities, lawnmowing, and home maintenance work undertaken by the occupier, provided the activity is undertaken during reasonable hours and is of reasonable duration;
 - d. the noise of individual vehicles on public roads;
 - e. the noise of trains travelling on designated railway land, and
 - f. the noise of sirens used for emergency purposes.
1. Public health;
 2. Amenity values, and
 3. Functional and operational requirements.

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

NZAAA seeks to have agricultural aviation provided for as a permitted activity in the plan.

Relief sought

Amend the rule by adding:

1. the [noise](#) from the use of vehicles, mobile machinery, **agricultural aviation activity** or other mobile or portable equipment where they are used on a seasonal or intermittent basis for agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or forestry activities that are permitted by the Plan;

Point 73.15

Section: NOISE - Noise

Sub-section: NOISE - Noise - Rules Table

Provision:

NOISE-R3: Noise generated from helicopter landing areas

NOISE-R3A

NOISE-R3B

Activity Status: Permitted

Activity Status where activity conditions are not met:

Where:

1. Use of the helicopter landing area must not exceed any of the following:

- a. two return flights per day;
- b. five return flights per week, and
- c. 12 return flights per month.

2. The helicopter landing area must be located (as illustrated below):

- a. a minimum distance of 275 m from the notional boundary of any noise-sensitive activity not located on the same site, and
- b. within 275 m of the helicopter landing area, flight paths must be a minimum of 250 m from the notional boundary of any noise-sensitive activity not located on the same site.

1. Restricted Discretionary where:

- a. Noise generated from helicopter landing areas received in Residential zones or the nominal boundary of a residential unit in the Rural zones shall not exceed 40 dB Ldn, and
- b. Noise received from helicopter landing areas received in all other zones shall not exceed 50 dB Ldn.

2. Non-complying (where clause 1 above is not met).

Matters of discretion are:

- 1. Public health, and
- 2. Amenity values.



Figure 1 - Helicopter Landing Areas

Note:

- 1. Helicopter landing areas are also subject to the activity tables of the relevant zone, precinct and/or development area. Compliance with this rule does not protect any helicopter landing area from the lawful encroachment of noise-sensitive activities.
- 2. Rules must be in accordance with NZS 6807:1994 *Noise Management and Land Use Planning for Helicopter Landing Areas* - excluding 4.3 Averaging.

Sentiment: Oppose

Submission:

NZAAA seeks clarity that helicopters undertaking agricultural aviation activities are provided for in **NOISE- R1 2) a)**.

Relief sought

Amend the rule by adding to the notes:

3. Helicopters undertaking agricultural aviation activities are provided for in NOISE- R1 2) a)

Point 73.16

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision:

RPROZ-O1: Activities on highly productive land

Highly productive land is protected for use in land-based primary production, both now and for future generations.

Relates to RPROZ-I1, RPROZ-I2, and RPROZ-I3

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

Objectives in the plan that protect primary production are important.

Relief sought

Retain the objective.

Point 73.17

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision:

RPROZ-O2: Activities on non-highly productive land

Versatile soil is retained for agriculture, horticulture, and farming and used primarily for food production and ancillary activities that rely on primary production.

Relates to RPROZ-I1, RPROZ-I2, RPROZ-I3, and RPROZ-I7.

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

Objectives in the plan that protect primary production and ancillary activities are important.

Relief sought

Retain the objective

Point 73.18

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision:

RPROZ-O4: Reverse sensitivity

Non-rural activities must support primary production and avoid or otherwise mitigate reverse sensitivity effects that may compromise rural activities.

Relates to RPROZ-I5, RPROZ-I6, RPROZ-I7, and RPROZ-I8

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

It is important to protect primary production activities from reverse sensitivity effects.

Relief sought

Retain the objective

Point 73.19

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

Objectives in the plan should recognise activities that support primary production or have a functional need to be located in the RPROZ.

Relief sought

Insert new objective:

Non-primary production activities that support primary production or rely on a rural location or have a functional or operational need to locate in the Rural Production Zone are provided for.

Point 73.20

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Policies

Provision:

RPROZ-P6: Reverse sensitivity

Manage the establishment, design, and location of new sensitive activities and other non-productive activities in the Rural Production Zone to avoid where possible, or otherwise mitigate any actual or potential reverse sensitivity effects on primary production activities and land-based primary production activities.

Relates to RPROZ-O5 and RPROZ-O6

Sentiment: Support

Submission:

The policy provides protection for primary production and ancillary activities and provides for protection from reverse sensitivity effects.

Relief sought

Retain the objective.

Point 73.21

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: Policies

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

Policies in the plan should enable activities that support primary production or have a functional need to be located in the RPROZ.

Relief sought

Insert new policy:

Compatible activities.

a. Enable primary production activities that are compatible with the purpose, character, and amenity values of the Rural Production Zone.

b. Provide for other activities that have a functional need or operational need to be located in the Rural Production Zone that are not incompatible with primary production.

Point 73.22

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone - Rules Table

Provision:

RPROZ-R1: Primary production activities outside highly productive land

RPROZ-R1A

RPROZ-R1B

Activity Status: Permitted

Activity Status where conditions and standards are not met: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

1. The activity and any building or structure comply with all the Rural Production Zone Standards.

Matters of discretion are:

1. Rural characteristics and economic values;
2. Risk to public health and safety and the environment;
3. Fire and pest control;
4. Nature, scale, and intensity of land use;
5. Ecological, aquatic, and natural values;
6. The cumulative effect of non-compliance with more than one standard;
7. The effects on the open rural character of the zone;
8. The effects on the safety of people and property;
9. Cultural, ecological and aquatic values;
10. The effects on the maintenance, use, and development of a watercourse or open drain, and
11. Cumulative effects.

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

It needs to be clear that ancillary activities to primary production are included in RPROZ-R1 otherwise RPROZ-R19 Noncomplying would apply as there is no other specific rule providing for ancillary activities to primary production.

Relief sought

Amend title to:

Primary Production **and ancillary** activities outside highly productive land

Point 73.23

Section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone

Sub-section: RPROZ - Rural Production Zone - Rules Table

Provision:

RPROZ-R2: Primary production activities within highly productive land

RPROZ-R2A

RPROZ-R2B

Activity Status: Permitted

Activity Status where conditions and standards of RPROZ-R2A are not met: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

1. The activity and any building or structure complies with all the Rural Production Zone Standards, and
2. The activity is a land-based primary production activity.

Where:

1. The activity is a supporting activity, and
2. The application complies with RPROZ-R2-REQ1.

RPROZ-R2-REQ1

1. Any application under rule RPROZ-R2A must include a productive capacity assessment report prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced soil scientist which shall address the following matters:
 - a. a plan identifying the productive capacity of the site, and
 - b. evaluation and evidence to confirm that the subdivision will not result in the cumulative loss of the availability and productive capacity of highly productive land within the district.

Matters of discretion are:

1. Scale and intensity of land use;
2. Rural characteristics and economic significance;
3. Ecological, aquatic, cultural and natural values;
4. Risk to public health and safety, and the environment;
5. Fire and pest control;
6. Cumulative effects;
7. Setback distances from the property boundary, Ahuriri Estuary, any watercourse or open drain;
8. The effects on the shading, outlook and amenity of the neighbouring properties;
9. The effects on the open rural character of the zone; and
10. The effects on the maintenance, use and development of a watercourse or open drain.

Activity Status where conditions and standards of RPROZ-R2B are not met: Non-complying.

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

It needs to be clear that ancillary activities to primary production are included in RPROZ-R2 otherwise RPROZ-R19 Noncomplying would apply as there is no other specific rule providing for ancillary activities to primary production.

Relief sought

Amend title to:

Primary Production **and ancillary** activities within highly productive land