

Further Submission

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Further Submission on: Proposed Plan Change 42 General Rural and Rural Lifestyle Environments

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Introduction

ApiNZ has an interest in the Proposed Waitomo District Plan greater than the interest that the general public has.

Apiculture New Zealand (ApiNZ) is the national body representing the apiculture industry in New Zealand covering the full range of sectors, from hobbyist and commercial beekeepers to honey exporters, packers and suppliers. ApiNZ aims to support and deliver benefits to the New Zealand apiculture industry by supporting a thriving long-term future for New Zealand honeybee products and services, including having a strong bee health and biosecurity position.

ApiNZ made a submission on the Proposed Waitomo District Plan and was assigned submitter number 54 as shown in the summary of submissions document on the Council's website.

Section Two of this submission contains a table that sets out ApiNZ's further submissions in respect of submission points made by other parties on the Proposed Waitomo District Plan. The table also indicates whether ApiNZ supports or opposes these primary submissions, the reasons for the position that it has taken, and the relief sought.

ApiNZ does not wish to be heard in support of these further submissions.

ApiNZ could not gain an advantage in trade competition through these further submissions.



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ApiNZ can confirm that copies of this further submission have been served on the parties who made the original submissions.

Yours sincerely

Karin Kos
Chief Executive

Section Two: Further Submissions to the Proposed Waitomo District Plan

Submitter	Submission Number	Plan Section	Submission Point Made	Support / Oppose	Reasons for further submission	Relief Sought
New Zealand Helicopter Association	02.16	General district-wide matters 37. Noise-P3	The submitter supports the policies that recognise that some activities are important for economic and social well-being and may exceed the specified noise levels	Support	ApiNZ agrees that some activities are important for economic and social wellbeing and may exceed the specified noise levels.	Retain the policy
New Zealand Helicopter Association	02.17	General district-wide matters 37. Noise-R8	The submitter seeks to delete rule NOISE-R8 and opposes rules that restrict helicopter use for infrastructure security, infrastructure development and maintenance, utility networks, and improving natural areas for social well-being.	Support	NOISE-R8 should not apply to the general rural and rural production zones. It is important to not put too many restrictions on the use of farm helipads and helicopter landing areas as it is best for bees to spray when they are in their hives in the evening, night and early morning.	Grant the relief sought or amend rule NOISE-R8 to exempt general rural and rural production zones
New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association	04.20	General district-wide matters 37. Noise-P3	NZAAA supports the recognition that some noisy activities are important for economic and social well-being and may exceed specified noise levels on a temporary or irregular basis. Agricultural aviation activities are intermittent and short term so are temporary and irregular.	Support	ApiNZ agrees that some activities are important for economic and social wellbeing and may exceed the specified noise levels.	Retain the policy.
Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc)	46.61	General district-wide matters 37. Noise	The submitter supports NOISE-P1 as it recognises that noise from rural activities is an accepted part of these environments	Support	ApiNZ supports the recognition of noise from rural activities being an accepted part of these environments.	Grant the relief sought

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Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc)	46.63	General district-wide matters 37. Noise-P3	Federated Farmers supports NOISE-P3 in that it recognises that some noisy activities are important for economic and social well-being and may exceed specified noise levels on a temporary or irregular basis. For example, agricultural aviation activities.	Support	ApiNZ agrees that some activities are important for economic and social wellbeing and may exceed the specified noise levels.	Grant the relief sought
Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc)	46.64	General district-wide matters 37. Noise-R8	Federated Farmers opposes NOISE-R8 in that it inhibits the intermittent use of farm helipads and helicopter landing area that provide critical support to primary production and conservation. NOISE-R8 should not apply to the general rural and rural production zone.	Support	ApiNZ support this submitter as it is important to not put too many restrictions on the use of farm helipads and helicopter landing areas as it is best for bees to spray when they are in their hives in the evening, night and early morning.	Grant the relief sought
Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc)	46.65	General district-wide matters 37. Noise	The submitter supports the Exemptions in the Advice Notes but submits that the noise rules should also not apply to agricultural aviation activities. Federated Farmers also submits that for clarity, consideration should also be given to providing for the exemptions as a permitted activity rather than an advice note.	Support	ApiNZ agrees with the submitter that the noise rules should not apply to agricultural aviation issues as it is best for bees to spray when they are in their hives in the evening, night and early morning.	Grant the relief sought