

Further Submission on Proposed Waitomo District Plan

(Closing date: Friday the 28th of July 2023 at 5pm)

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I am a person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest as a representative of an organisation operating within the Waitomo District.

FAL wishes to speak to this submission.
If others make a similar submission we would not consider presenting a joint case.

FAL's submissions are set out in the attached table.

Signature:



Date: 27 July 2023

Further submissions from NZ Agricultural Aviation Association

Original Submitter	Sub No.	Submission Point Made	Support/ Oppose	Reason for support or opposition	Decision sought
NZAAA	04.23	Amend NOISE-R8 by deleting: helipads, farm helipads and, and replace with: helicopter landing areas: Amend NOISE-R8 as follows: Emission of noise from helipads, farm helipads and helicopter landing areas Delete: general rural and rural production:	Support in part	The intent of NZAAA's submission is to ensure that agricultural aviation activities for primary production and conservation activities are provided for. The WDC submission point 26.03 adequately provides for this.	Allow the rule change sought by the Waitomo District Council (WDC) point 26.03
Manulife Forest Management New Zealand Limited (MFMNZL)	08.02	Retain the definition of farm airstrips and farm helipads	Oppose	Agricultural aviation activities are not limited to rural zones as they occur in other zones such as conservation areas. Therefore, NZAAA seeks to have broader definitions incorporated to reflect this.	Delete the definition as notified
Heli A1 Limited	12.01	Add new definition for agricultural aviation	Support	It is important to have agricultural aviation defined to include primary production, biosecurity, and conservation activities undertaken by agricultural aviation	Add the definition as sought
	12.02	Add new definition for aircraft	Support	It is appropriate to include the definition of an aircraft as defined by the RMA to future-proof the plan	Add the definition as sought

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	12.03	Amend the definition of agricultural, pastoral and horticultural activities by deleting: Farm airstrips and farm helipads and add: agricultural aviation activities	Support	NZAAA supports the intent of inclusion of farm airstrips and farm helipads as part of agricultural, pastoral and horticultural activities but supports the more appropriate inclusion of agricultural aviation activities, for which a definition is sought 12.01	Amend the definition as sought
	12.10	Add a new definition: Rural airstrip	Support	The definition is appropriate	Add the definition as sought
	12.24	NOISE Exemptions: Retain the exemptions but include as a permitted activity rule and add: 7. the intermittent use of rural airstrips and helicopter landing areas for agricultural aviation activities. Include definitions of agricultural aviation, helicopter landing areas and rural airstrips as sought above	Support	Agricultural aviation activities should be provided for as a permitted activity to support primary production, conservation, biosecurity and biodiversity. It is not clear in the PDP as notified that fixed wing agricultural aircraft are provided for.	Retain the exemption and add to the exemption list as sought
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	23.14	Add the following to the list of exempt activities in the General rural zone: x. The intermittent use of rural airstrips and helicopter landing areas for agricultural aviation activities.	Support	Agricultural aviation activities should be provided for as a permitted activity to support primary production, conservation, biosecurity and biodiversity. It is not clear in the PDP as notified that fixed wing agricultural aircraft are provided for.	Add to the list of exempt activities as sought
Federated Farmers of NZ (FF)	46.06	Retain the definition for 'farm airstrips and farm helipads' as notified.	Oppose	Agricultural aviation activities are not limited to rural zones as they occur in other zones such as conservation areas. Therefore, NZAAA seeks to have broader definitions incorporated to reflect this.	Delete the definition: FARM AIRSTRIPS AND FARM HELIPADS as sought and add new definitions as sought elsewhere
	46.75	Amend NOISE-R8(2) as follows: 2. This activity may only be undertaken in tourism zones; And, Add agricultural aviation activities in the list of exemptions to the NOISE rules	Support in part	NZAAA agrees with the submitters intent and opposes rules that inhibit the intermittent use of rural airstrips, farm helipads and helicopter landing areas that provide critical support to primary production <u>and conservation</u> activities. It is not clear in the PDP as notified that fixed wing agricultural aircraft are provided for.	Reject the amendment sought, and Allow the rule change sought by the Waitomo District Council (WDC) point 26.03 Allow the addition to the exemptions list as sought

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	46.76	<p>Retain exemptions for agricultural aviation activities in the NOISE Advice Notes.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Amend the NOISE rules to provide for the exemptions (including agricultural aviation activities) through a permitted activity status.</p>	Support in part	<p>NZAAA agrees with the submitters intent and opposes rules that inhibit the intermittent use of rural airstrips, farm helipads and helicopter landing areas that provide critical support to primary production and conservation activities.</p> <p>It is not clear in the PDP as notified that fixed wing agricultural aircraft are provided for.</p>	<p>Allow the rule change sought by the Waitomo District Council (WDC) point 26.03</p> <p>Allow the addition as sought to the list of exemptions</p>
Waitomo District Council (WDC)	26.03	<p>Amend NOISE-R8 as follows: Activity Status: RDIS Where: 2. This rule does not apply to the general rural, rural production and natural open space tourism zones or to the Aerodrome Precinct – PREC3;</p>	Support	NZAAA opposes rules that inhibit the intermittent use of farm helipads and helicopter landing areas that provide critical support to primary production, critical infrastructure, and conservation	Allow the amendment as sought