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Submission on Resource Consent Application – RC210098 – Hurunui District Council

To: Hurunui District Council

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This is a submission on behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) concerning a resource consent application by Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa in relation to a proposed 'Flyride' on the western face of the Conical Hill Reserve.

The Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 (FENZ Act) established Fire and Emergency from 1 July 2017. The FENZ Act establishes the governance, management and operational arrangements for protecting life, property and the environment from fire and other emergencies in New Zealand. The FENZ Act, among other matters, replaced the two previous governing Acts being the Fire Service Act 1975 and Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977. Fire and Emergency has a responsibility under the FENZ Act to reduce the incidence of unwanted fire and the associated risk to life and property. As such, Fire and Emergency monitors changes in statutory planning documents occurring under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) to ensure that, where necessary, appropriate consideration is given to fire safety.

The specific part of the application that FENZ submission relates to is:

The days or times when the activity will not run, and proposed operations procedures.

Fire and Emergency's submission is:

The applicants (Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa) seek resource consent to install and operate a 'flyride' on the western face of the Conical Hill Reserve. The proposed activity zigzags down the hill for approximately 500m.

The application indicates that the ride will be operational all year, except on Christmas days and on days where there is bad weather or if the level of fire risk will mean that operation cannot occur safely.

Fire and Emergency have no major concerns with the application but, note that the 'level of fire risk' as mentioned in the application, is not described in detail and so there is uncertainty as to what this means and when this will be required.

Discussion with the Applicant indicates that operation procedures (including related to fire risk) are yet to be drafted, but that these will be drafted with the relevant parties including but not limited to the Council.

Fire and Emergency is neutral towards the application but considers that, if consent is granted, a requirement for an emergency operations procedure should be in place. Fire and Emergency would be happy to assist with the drafting of this where relevant to emergency services. This may include where the ride can still be operated if there is a fire or high fire season, and what operations procedures shall be in place during these events.

FENZ seeks the following decision from the local authority:

To require an Operations Procedure (including for fire emergencies) to be in place prior to the activity being opened for the public.

Fire and Emergency could not gain an advantage in trade competition though this submission.

Fire and Emergency wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

If others make a similar submission Fire and Emergency New Zealand will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.



(Signature of person authorised to sign on behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand)

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