

Hurunui District Council
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28 September 2021

Attention: Commissioner Dean Chrystal

Dear Commissioner

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Letter to be tabled at hearing for RC210098 – Hanmer Springs Flyride

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a neutral submission on the land use resource consent application – RC210098, Hanmer Springs Flyride (the Application) as notified by Hurunui District Council. Fire and Emergency has opted not to attend the hearing scheduled to commence on Thursday 7 October 2021 and request that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for consideration.

Fire and Emergency's submission

Fire and Emergency submitted that, should consent be granted, a requirement for an emergency operations procedure be in place. This was due to the uncertainty in the application about what the 'level of fire risk' actually meant, and how the activity would operate in the different fire seasons and in conditions where fire risk may be higher.

It is noted that other submitters raised concerns about emergency vehicle access including concern that the Fire and Emergency 4.0 metre access gap requirement is often not achievable in surrounding areas. While this was not included in the Fire and Emergency submission, this is supported by Fire and Emergency.

Officer's Report

The section 42A Officer's Report (Officer's Report) has been received. This report included a transportation report and parking assessment by Abley attached as Appendix B.

The Officer's Report supports the Fire and Emergency recommendation that a requirement for an emergency operations procedure be in place prior to the activity being opened for the public and considers this should be drafted in consultation with Fire and Emergency. The following recommended condition is proposed:

11. A Fire Emergency Operations Procedure shall be drafted in consultation with Fire Emergency New Zealand and a copy provided to the Council prior to the activity commencing on the site.

The Reporting Officer also notes that the application will be required to satisfy the New Zealand Building Code, which relate to protection from fire. Buildings and some structures are required to comply with the Building Code, however many operations at the site (e.g. walking and riding tracks) are not subject to Building Act requirements.

In addition, Fire and Emergency supports the transport comments made by Mr Smith of Abley, regarding the parking on Acheron Heights. A condition of consent has been proposed as a mitigation measure. Fire and Emergency supports proposed conditions 4 and 5 to monitor parking on Acheron Heights.

Applicant's Evidence

The Applicant's *Statement of Evidence* has also been received. The Transportation evidence prepared by Mr Simon de Verteuil supports the condition of consent requiring an operations procedure to be in place. He notes that while Fire and Emergency has not raised concerns with regard to the carriageway widths, should it transpire that surrounding roads are not sufficient for emergency vehicle access, he supports localised parking restrictions irrespective of this application.

The planning evidence by Jane Whyte concurs with the proposed condition of consent as outlined in the Officer's Report.

Fire and Emergency's response:

Fire and Emergency remain neutral to the application, however, strongly support the officer's recommendation to include a condition requiring a Fire Emergency Operations Procedure be drafted with Fire and Emergency prior to the activity commencing on site.

Fire and Emergency recommend one minor wording change to the proposed condition, as outlined below (addition underlined):

A Fire Emergency Operations Procedure shall be drafted in consultation with Fire and Emergency New Zealand and a copy provided to the Council prior to the activity commencing on the site.

Fire and Emergency requests that, if the Commissioner is minded to grant consent, that this recommendation be accepted and the proposed conditions be placed on the consent.

Yours sincerely



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