



## Submission on Proposed Plan Change 44 Upper Hutt City Council District Plan

Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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Proposed Plan Change 44

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## **Preliminary Matters**

This is a submission on Plan Change 44 to the Upper Hutt District Plan (the Plan).

New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

NZDF currently operates the Trentham Military Camp in the district, which houses approximately 1,000 staff and officers and is the base for a number of highly ranked military units, including the Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand, Command and Staff College, Trade Training School and Trentham Regional Support Battalion. NZDF may also need larger or additional facilities in the future. NZDF may also undertake temporary military training activities (TMTA) here from time to time.

NZDF understands that TMTA are out of scope of Plan Change 44. Therefore this submission only addresses the definition of temporary events in the Plan to ensure that TMTA are not captured by this definition.

## Submission and decisions sought

NZDF is concerned that the current definition of temporary events is ambiguous, and may cause confusion in terms of whether or not it captures TMTA. Therefore NZDF requests that

TMTA are specifically excluded from the definition of temporary events. This would not require significant updates to the existing definition, which already provides an exemption for "commercial promotional events". NZDF requests that the definition of temporary event is amended to also exclude TMTA, as follows (change shown bold and underlined):

Temporary event - an organised event that is of a temporary nature, has a limited duration and that includes public entertainment events, cultural events and organised competitive sporting and recreational events, but excludes commercial promotional events and temporary military training activities.

The amendment set out above aligns with the intent of the Plan, in that TMTA are not intended to be covered by the definition of temporary event, and assists in the interpretation and application of the Plan provisions.

NZDF intends to request a specific definition of TMTA as part of a future Plan Change where TMTA are within scope.

## Hearing

NZDF wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

If others make a similar submission, we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Person authorised to sign

on behalf of New Zealand Defence Force

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