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Tēnā koe,

Plan Change 47 - Natural Hazards

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on Te Kaunihera o Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta Upper Hutt City Council District Plan Change 47 on natural hazards.

Greater Wellington supports the strategic direction of the proposed plan change. In particular, the risk-based approach taken to managing development in natural hazard overlays using the framework of less sensitive, potentially sensitive and hazard sensitivity activities.

On behalf of Greater Wellington, I sought relief in my submission to use the terms 'minimise' or 'does not cause' in a number of provisions in place of terms such 'will not increase' and to require a suitably qualified expert to provide advice on the best location for building platforms for new builds in uncertain - poorly constrained and uncertain - constrained fault areas. As discussed in the s42A officers report, this was accepted or accepted in part.

I would like to acknowledge the relief provided by these amendments and support the drafting as notified in Appendix 3 of the s42A report.

One small point that was raised in the Greater Wellington submission that appears to have been overlooked is the use of fault 'line' in rules NH-R7, NH-R9 and NH-R10. As discussed in my submission, I requested that this be replaced with the accepted seismic hazards terminology, that refers to these features as fault 'traces'. This better captures the reality that, in an earthquake the ground can rupture and/or deform anywhere within the fault hazard overlay. Using fault 'line' has the potential to create the impression that the surface rupturing can be expected to occur along a neat, mapped feature, which will not necessarily be the case in an earthquake.

I will not be available to appear at the hearing, however I am available to answer any further questions or points of clarification the Hearing Panel may have in relation to my submission or my support of the recommendations in Plan Change 47.

Ngā mihi,



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