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Attention: Hearing Commissioners for Plan Change 5 – Peacocke Structure Plan

Dear Commissioners

**Ministry of Education – Letter to be Tabled at Plan Change 5 – Peacocke Structure Plan**

The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) lodged a submission on proposed Plan Change 5 to the Hamilton City Operative District Plan, with this assigned the submitter reference #24. The Ministry will not attend the hearing for Plan Change 5 scheduled to commence on 26 September 2022, and requests that this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration instead.

The Ministry's submission identified the need to clearly provide for additional educational facilities within the Peacocke Structure Plan area. Specific provisions are necessary to ensure educational facilities were appropriately enabled, particularly within the residential zones. This recognises the important role that educational facilities play within the communities that they serve. These specific provisions sought the introduction of a new enabling objective within MRZ-PREC1-PSP and the amendment of an existing policy MRZ-PREC1-PSP: P4 to specifically recognise and provide for schools within the Medium Density Residential Zone of the Peacocke Precinct. The submission also sought a minor correction to the Structure Plan 'Land Use' Map to use the notation 'Indicative Education Facilities' as opposed to 'Proposed Education Facilities'.

Since lodging the submission, the Ministry have engaged positively with Mark Roberts in regard to the relief sought. This involved constructive and cooperative discussions on potential changes to Plan Change 5 to respond to the matters raised by the Ministry. We have subsequently reviewed the s42A report prepared by Craig Sharman and Mark Roberts (dated 2 September 2022) and note the recommendations on Page 19 of Appendix A of the s42A Report to accept the Ministry's submission points in part, with the specific recommendations summarised as follows:

- Introduction of a new Objective '*MRZ-PREC1-PSP: 05*' that identifies that development within the Peacocke Precinct Medium Density Residential Zone is supported by schools, recognising that schools provide critical social and community infrastructure in response to urban growth pressure and demands;
- Amendment of Policy '*MRZ PREC1- PSP: P4*' to specifically recognise the important role schools play in the community, and provides clarity given the definitions are unclear as they relate to community facilities and schools;
- Introduction of a new restricted discretionary activity status for schools within the Peacocke Precinct Medium Density Residential Zone (*MRZ-PREC1-PSP-R26*), recognising the proposed supportive and enabling policy framework for schools;
- Amendment to '*Figure 2.1 Peacocke Structure Plan Land Use*' Map within Appendix 2 to replace the notation 'Proposed Education Facilities' with 'Indicative Education Facilities', with this change



considered important to avoid confusion and uncertainty in the instance additional education facilities or locations are necessary across the Peacocke Precinct in the future.

The Ministry agrees with the recommendations contained in the s42A Report, and confirms that, if adopted, the Ministry's submission points are adequately resolved. It is noted however that '*Figure 2-3b: Peacocke Structure Plan – Peacocke Local Centre Concept*' continues to use the term 'Proposed Education Facility'. For consistency, we suggest this term be updated as a minor administration correction to reflect the term 'Indicative Education Facility', consistent with the change to *Figure 2.1 Peacocke Structure Plan Land Use* Map identified in the s42A Report.

Please contact the undersigned on behalf of the Ministry if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Kind regards,



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