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**Attention: Hearing Commissioners**

Dear Commissioners

**Proposed Porirua District Plan Hearing: Hearing Stream Two**

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on the Proposed Porirua District Plan (PDP) (submitter 119). Among other topics, Fire and Emergency's submission to the PDP addressed 'Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity'.

The Section 42A reports for Hearing Stream Two have been received and it is noted that the Officer's recommendation is to accept Fire and Emergency's submission in part. Therefore, Fire and Emergency has opted not to attend Hearing Stream Two scheduled to commence Monday 29 October and requests that in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Commissioners' consideration.

Fire and Emergency's submission

To retain the permitted activity ECO-R1 as proposed.

Fire and Emergency also made a further submission supporting (in part) submissions that seek the removal and trimming of indigenous vegetation up to a setback of 10m to be permitted under ECO-R1. Fire and Emergency noted that, as set out in Fire and Emergency guidance, certain native vegetation with high flammability increases the risk of fire spread where vegetation is located within 10m of a structure.

Fire and Emergency's response to the Officer's recommendations

The Officer has recommended to accept Fire and Emergency's submission as above which Fire and Emergency strongly supports. Additionally, the Officer has recommended a new policy for wildfire management (ECO-P13) to better address and manage fire risks relating to vegetation. Fire and Emergency considers this as an appropriate way to better manage the issue and therefore strongly supports this recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Britta Blann".

Signature of person authorised to sign on behalf of  
**Fire and Emergency**

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