



19 November 2021

Attention: Hearing Commissioners

Porirua City District Council  
PO Box 50218 2025  
Porirua 5240

### **Ministry of Education (submitter 134) Hearing Letter**

#### **Proposed Porirua District Plan: Hearing Stream 3 – Natural Hazards**

Dear Commissioners,

The Ministry of Education (“the Ministry”) lodged a submission on the Proposed Porirua District Plan (PDP). Among other topics, the Ministry’s submission addressed provisions in the proposed Transport chapter.

The Ministry has received the Officer’s Section 42a report for Hearing Stream 3 – Natural Hazards and overall supports the Officer’s recommendations on its submission points. The Ministry therefore does not wish to attend the hearing scheduled to commence on Friday 3 December 2021 and requests that this letter be tabled to confirm the Ministry’s position and for the Hearing Panel’s consideration in lieu of attendance.

**The Ministry supports the Officer’s recommendations on its submission points below for the following reasons:**

The Officer has recommended to retain NH-R7, NH-R8 and APP10 (Table 2 Hazard sensitivity) to be retained as proposed which the Ministry supports. The Ministry’s submission sought that rule NH-R6 and the definition for ‘Hazard Sensitive Activities’ be retained as proposed. The Officer has recommended to accept these submission point in part, subject to amendments made in response to other submissions.

- The Ministry notes the intent behind the Officer’s recommended wording amendments which provide clarification and further seek to protect Educational Facilities from natural hazards. The Ministry considers these amendments to be reasonable and supports the Officer’s recommendation.
- The definition for ‘Hazard Sensitive Activities’ includes ‘Education facility’ as an activity. The Officer has recommended rewording this to read ‘educational facilities’ which aligns with the definition listed in the National Planning Standards. The Ministry supports the Officer’s recommendation.

Should you require any further clarification on this matter please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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