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Attention: Hearings Panel

Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (Hearing Topic Noise)

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) (submitter S519/FS31) will not attend the hearing for topic Noise, scheduled to commence 5 September 2024, as it largely accepts, or is neutral on the recommendations in the relevant Section 42A Report. However, NZDF seeks a minor amendment, as outlined below.

Amendment of the setback distance – Noise R4

1. NZDF seeks the setback distance included in NOISE-R4.1.b.ii be amended to refer to distance in metres.
2. The Reporting Officer recommends that NOISE-R4.1.b.ii is amended to be correctly referenced as 1.250Km (not 1.250m) to correct the typographical error that was made in the drafting of the proposed Plan.
3. While the recommendation makes the distance technically correct, NZDF suggests that this distance be stated in metres (i.e. should read 1250m). This would ensure that this setback distance uses a unit of measurement consistent with that of NOISE-R4.1.b.i (being 500m). This will likely reduce any potential interpretation issues and provide increased clarity to Plan users.

If the Hearings Panel considers it useful for NZDF to appear to explain or answer any questions on the matters above or as contained within its submission and further submission, it would be happy to do so.

Yours faithfully



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