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**Attention: Hearings Panel**

**Proposed Kaipara District Plan (Hearing Stream 4 – Temporary Activities)**

1. The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) (submitter 284, FS84) has reviewed the Section 42A Report for Hearing Stream 4 – Temporary Activities and determined that it will not attend this hearing, but requests that this letter be tabled with the Hearings Panel.
2. NZDF wishes to reiterate that it needs to undertake temporary military training activities (TMTA) in order to meet statutory defence purposes under section 5 of the Defence Act 1990. Those purposes include the defence of New Zealand, the protection of the interests of New Zealand, the provision of assistance to the civil power in times of emergency and the provision of any public service. This has been set out further in NZDF submissions.
3. NZDF supports provisions in the Proposed Kaipara District Plan that recognise and provide for TMTA. NZDF generally supports the recommendations made by the Reporting Officer in the Section 42A Report regarding most of its submission and further submission points on the Temporary Activities Chapter.
4. In relation to the following specific submission points:
  - a) Submission point 284.37: NZDF supports the changes proposed to TEMP-R2 and considers this rule and associated standards appropriately provide for TMTA while managing and minimising effects. Inclusion of the standards in the rule (rather than in a separate standards section) also simplifies and improves plan legibility.
  - b) Submission point 284.37: NZDF seeks controlled activity status as the default status if permitted activity standards and conditions cannot be met. The Section 42A Report considers that a restricted discretionary status is more appropriate and that it is important for the Council to retain the ability to decline a resource consent application for TMTA if it is proposed in a location where the potential adverse effects on the receiving environment would be unacceptable. For the reasons set out in its original submission, NZDF considers a controlled activity status is appropriate; it provides requisite certainty to NZDF that TMTA can be undertaken, while enabling

the Council to set conditions to manage any adverse effects (noting that any effects will be temporary).

If the Hearings Panel considers it useful for NZDF to appear before the Panel to explain or answer any questions on the matters above, it would be happy to do so.

Yours faithfully,

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