

SUPPLEMENTARY STAFF EVALUATION REPORT

TO: Environment & Planning Committee – TRMP

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SUBJECT: **SUPPLEMENTARY SER 607A TO SER 607 OF HEARING 71:
Rural Business**
Report prepared for meeting of 7 September 2016

“In Committee”

1. INTRODUCTION

This supplementary report by Council staff has been prepared following the hearing of submitter presentations. It addresses issues and options where a change in staff recommendation is being made. It does not address issues raised during the hearings generally, although staff wish to acknowledge the value of the submitter contributions during the presentations. It should be noted that many of the issues raised by submitters did result in significant debate amongst staff. These key points will be raised during deliberations, using the original staff recommendation as a starting point for discussion.

This supplementary report reassesses several rural business issues raised by the evidence from submitters provided at Hearing 71 from 16 August to 19 August 2016. These issues are:

- Objectives for rural activities other than plant and animal production (7.2.2.1, 7.2.2.3)
- Explanation supporting rural business that supports processing of plant and animal production (7.1.30)

2. OBJECTIVES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT OTHER THAN PLANT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION

The evidence for GP Investment Ltd sought consistency across the objectives in section 7.2. A comparison of these objectives suggests value in some greater consistency. Objective 7.2.2.3 should change. This request was dealt with in SER 601 but for convenience is further recommended in this supplementary SER.

3. EXPLANATION FOR RURAL PROCESSING

The evidence for NZ Hops Ltd points out that this request for consistently supporting explanation for the policies and objectives was not allowed, for no good reason. This is accepted upon review.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Recommendation 607A.1

Submission Recommendations

C60.4017.2 GP Investments Ltd Allow

Plan Amendments

Topic: 7.2.2.3

Delete objective and replace with:

“Retention of opportunities for rural industrial development that is appropriately located in rural areas for production-related industries, in the form of the Rural Industrial Zone.”

Reasons

Consistency with objectives and policies of 7.2 as recommended to be amended.

4.2 Recommendation 607A.2

Submission Recommendations

C60.4058.4 NZ Hops Ltd Allow in part

Plan Amendments

Topic: 7.1.30

Insert in fifth paragraph of explanation after the words: “particularly those that” the words: “support animal and plant production and are efficiently located in rural areas, and that”.

Reasons

Consistency with objectives and policies of 7.1 as recommended to be amended.