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Hearings Panel  
Proposed Far North District Plan  
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Tēnā koutou Commissioners,

**Proposed Far North District Plan – Hearing 13 – Hazards and Risks**

Foodstuffs North Island Limited (**Foodstuffs**) is made up of several independent co-operatives, with all employees and retail members supportive of the organisation's commitment to provide New Zealanders with the best possible service and quality products. The Foodstuffs North Island co-operative employs more than 1700 people who support the 102 New World, 43 PAK'n'Save and 167 Four Square owner-operated retail supermarkets throughout the North Island. Of these, Foodstuffs currently has 16 established supermarkets in the Far North District.

In accordance with submission point S363.012, Foodstuffs continue to seek a more flexible Gross Floor Area (**GFA**) permitted threshold than currently notified (10m<sup>2</sup> or less) under Rule NH-R2 when undertaking additions and alterations to existing buildings within River Flood Hazard Areas. Foodstuffs thereby do not support the Council Officer's recommendation to reject their submission in relation to Rule NH-R2 and consider that the permitted threshold for GFA is overly restrictive and will require unnecessary resource consent applications for any future extensions or alterations to their existing stores.

I can confirm that Foodstuffs will not be filing evidence for Hearing 13 at this stage and does not wish to be heard at the hearing. However, I am available to answer any questions from the Hearing Panel either in writing or via videoconference if required.

Yours sincerely | Nāku noa, nā

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