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Hearing Statement - Hearing 11 - Z Energy S336

Attention: Hearing Administrator, Alicia-Kate Taihia
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SLR Project No.: 810.V09385.00001

**RE: Far North Proposed District Plan – Hearing 11 – Energy, Infrastructure,
Transport, and Designations – Hearing Statement of Z Energy Limited
(Submitter S336)**

1. This hearing statement is prepared on behalf of Z Energy Limited (**Z Energy**) in relation to their submissions allocated to the Transport topic of Hearing 11 of the Proposed Far North District Plan (**the PDP**).
2. This hearing statement represents the views of Z Energy and is not expert evidence. Z Energy will not be attending the hearing but request that this hearing statement be tabled before the Hearings Panel.
3. Z Energy have an interest in the PDP to the extent that it relates to, or impacts on, their sites and business activities in the Far North District, including their fuel retail networks.
4. The analysis and recommendations of the Section 42A Report Transport Chapter prepared by Melissa Pearson dated 31 March 2025 has been reviewed in relation to Z Energy's submission points. I acknowledge that planning consultants of SLR are the reporting officers on some PDP hearing topics; this includes Ms Pearson for this topic. The Council is aware of this and, in accordance with its standard processes, SLR is carefully managing and avoiding any conflict-of-interest issues.
5. As outlined in **Attachment A**, Z Energy accept or support all recommendations of Ms Pearson on their submission and further submission points. Thank you for your time and acknowledgement of the matters raised in the submissions of Z Energy. Please do not hesitate to contact the writer should you wish to clarify any matters addressed herein.

Regards,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Trevilla'.

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Attachment A

Summary of recommendations on the Z Energy's submissions and further submissions

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Provision	Ref #	Submission Reason and Relief Summary	Reporting Officer Recommendation	Z Energy's Position
Transport Chapter				
TRAN-P5	S336.004	<p>Z Energy supports the strategic direction of the PDP in the Energy, Infrastructure and Transport Chapters that seek resilience to the effects of climate change and supports reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Z considers the use of electric vehicles (EVs) to be a key utilisation of new renewable technologies that will help achieve the Council's greenhouse gas reduction and climate change goals.</p> <p>Policy TRAN-P5 encourages new land uses to support, inter alia, the provision of charging stations for electric vehicles. Z Energy supports this policy subject to ensuring it also is applicable to existing land uses, for example, installation of an EV charging station at an existing service station.</p>	Accept in part. Minor amendments set out in the S42A Report.	Support.
TRAN-R4	S336.005	<p>Permitted activity TRAN-R4 (electric vehicle charging stations) is supported because it will assist to promote a broader network of EV charging stations and therefore greater uptake of EV use in the district and would contribute to FNDC's carbon reduction and climate change goals.</p> <p>Performance Standard PER-1 and the associated Note under Rule TRAN-R4 are similarly supported.</p>	Accept in part. Amendments set out in the S42A Report.	Support.
TRAN-R5	S336.006	<p>Trip generation is a permitted activity as long as the use or development is no greater than the thresholds in TRAN-Table 11 – Trip Generation.</p> <p>This rule is supported.</p>	Accept in part. Amendments set out in the S42A Report.	Support.
TRAN-Table 11	S336.007	<p>Commercial activities are identified in Table 11 where the threshold for trip generation consent under Rule R5 is 200m² of Gross Floor Area. Z Energy supports this threshold.</p>	Accept in part. Minor amendments set out in the S42A Report.	Support.