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Attention: Alicia-Kate Taihia – Submissions & Hearings Administrator

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Dear Alicia-Kate,

FAR NORTH PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN – LETTER TO BE TABLED AT HEARING 17

Ara Poutama Aotearoa the Department of Corrections (**Ara Poutama**) lodged submissions on the Far North Proposed District Plan (**PDP**), being submitter number S158 and further submitter FS42.

Ara Poutama has opted not to attend Hearing 17, and requests that in lieu of attendance this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panel's consideration.

Under Hearing 17, the submission points made by Ara Poutama are assessed within the Section 42A Report '*Sweep Up (Interpretation, Mapping, Plan Variation 1 and other matters)*'. The points of relevance under this report that Ara Poutama wishes to raise to the attention of the Hearing Panel all relate to interpretation (i.e. definitions), which are outlined below.

Definitions of 'community corrections activity', 'Regionally Significant Infrastructure' and 'supported residential care activity'

Ara Poutama made submission points seeking the retention as notified of the definitions of 'community corrections activity', 'Regionally Significant Infrastructure' and 'supported residential care activity'.¹ The reporting officer has supported this relief.² As such, Ara Poutama confirms support for these recommendations.

Definition of 'non-custodial rehabilitation activity'

Ara Poutama made a submission point seeking the insertion of the following definition into the PDP:³

NON-CUSTODIAL REHABILITATION ACTIVITY: means the use of land and buildings for non-custodial rehabilitative and reintegration activities and programmes undertaken by, or on behalf of, Ara Poutama Aotearoa the Department of Corrections.

The reporting officer has opposed this relief, outlining the following:⁴

¹ Submission points S158.001, S158.004 and S158.006

² Paragraphs 101 and 248, Section 42A Report

³ Submission point S158.003

⁴ Paragraph 301, Section 42A Report

“I do not consider it necessary or appropriate to include a separate definition of ‘Non-custodial Rehabilitation Activity’ within the PDP, as the term is only referenced within the existing definition of ‘Community corrections activity’, which was addressed in Hearing 14 (Urban) and supported by an associated rule. Furthermore, the proposed term is not specifically referenced in a standalone rule or provision meaning its definition may not be necessary.”

To clarify, ‘non-custodial rehabilitation activities’ are quite separate to ‘community corrections activities’, hence the need for a standalone definition relating to such. The intent of including this definition is to capture and enable these activities within the Corrections Special Purpose Zone – as referenced in Policy CORZ-P2(b) and permitted Rule CORZ-R3 as recommended by the reporting officer for Hearing 15B (Rezoning Submissions).⁵

The following are excerpts of the recommended provisions from Appendix 3.1 of the Section 42A Report for Hearing 15B:

<u>CORZ-P2</u>	<u>Provide for activities that are compatible with the purpose and function of the Corrections zone, including:</u> a. <u>The following activities that are provided for as permitted activities in the Rural Production zone:</u> i. <u>Farming activity;</u> ii. <u>Conservation activity;</u> iii. <u>Recreational activity;</u> iv. <u>Rural produce manufacturing;</u> v. <u>Commercial forestry and other forestry activities;</u> vi. <u>Emergency service facility;</u> b. <u>Non-custodial rehabilitation activities;</u> c. <u>Community corrections activities; and</u> d. <u>Supported residential care activities.</u>
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<u>CORZ-R3</u>	<u>Non-custodial rehabilitation activity</u>	
<u>Corrections zone</u>	<u>Activity status:</u> <u>Permitted</u> <u>Where:</u> <u>PER-1</u> <u>The loading and unloading of vehicles, or the receiving of deliveries, will only occur between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm on any day.</u> <u>PER-2:</u> <u>The operation of machinery only occurs between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm on any day.</u>	<u>Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1 or PER-2:</u> <u>Restricted Discretionary</u> <u>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</u> a. <u>the extent to which the intensity and scale of the activity adversely impacts on the amenity values of nearby properties.</u> <u>Notification status:</u> <u>An application for resource consent made in respect of rule CORZ-R3.PER-1 or PER-2 is precluded from being publicly notified.</u>

As such, the proposed term is specifically referenced in a standalone rule and a policy provision, therefore its definition is necessary in the PDP.

⁵ Section 3.2.1, Section 42A Report Hearing 15B: Rezoning Submissions

Ara Poutama appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the PDP process. Should there be any queries raised in relation to the matters set out in this letter, please contact Andrea Millar via email at andrea.millar@corrections.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Millar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrea Millar
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